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NOTICE.

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The Agent does not bind himself to accept the highest or any Tender.
ALFRED KING,
Storekeeper.
Storekeeper's Office, Parel, 19th December, 1890.

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY.

TESTAMENTARY AND INTESTATE JURISDICTION.

VICTORIA, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Queen, Defender of the Faith, Empress of India.
Petition for Probate of the last will and Testament and Codicil of PREMABAI, (widow of THACKAR LALJI KOREJI, and daughter of DAMODAR LAXMIDAS) late of Bombay, Hindu, deceased.
DEWOOBAI, widow of THACKAR DAMODAR LAXMIDAS, the Executrix named in the will ..... Petitioner.

ALL PERSONS claiming to have any interest in the Estate of the abovenamed Deceased are hereby cited to come and see the Proceedings, if they think fit, before the Grant of Probate.
Witness, SIR CHARLES SARGENT, Knight, Chief Justice at Bombay, aforesaid, the 19th day of December in the year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninty, and in the Fifty-fourth Year of Our Reign.
J. W. ORR,
Registrar.
The Seal of the High Court at Bombay.
L. N. BANAJI,
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JAS. H. SLEIGH,
Secretary and Treasurer.
Bombay, 19th December, 1890.

HOUSE VALUATIONS FOR 1891-92.
NOTICE.

I HEREBY give Notice as required by Section 180 of the City of Bombay Municipal Act 1888, that the Entries as required by Clauses (a) (b) (c) & (d) of Section 156 of the above aforesaid Act, have been completed as far as practicable in the Ward Assessment Books for the several wards of the City for the year 1891-92, and that the said Ward Assessment Books may be inspected at the office of the Municipal Assessor and Collector.
I also give notice under Section 162 (1) of the aforesaid Act that all complaints against the amount of any taxable value entered in the said Ward Assessment Books will be received in my office on or before the 14th January, 1891.
H. A. ACWORTH,
Municipal Commissioner for the City of Bombay.
Municipal Offices, Bombay, 20th December 1890.

NOTICE.

PURSUANT to Act XXVIII of 1866, of the Legislative Council of India, entitled "The Trustee's and Mortgagee's Powers Act 1866," Notice is hereby given that all persons being Creditors of or otherwise having any claims upon or against the estate of DONALD KENNEDY MACLEAN, formerly of Bombay Agent of the Broach Branch of the Bank of Bombay, but late of No. 29 Speedwell Road, Edgbaston, in the City of Bermingham, England, European deceased, (who died at No. 29, Speedwell Road aforesaid on or about the 27th day of February 1890, and Letters of Administration with a copy of his Will annexed of whose property and credits were on the 16th day of December, 1890, granted by the High Court of Judicature at Bombay to AUGUSTUS AYSHFORD CONROY and RICHARD SNEADE BROWN, of Bombay, Attorneys of the said Court and the constituted Attorneys of MORAY GORDON MACLEAN, the sole Executor named in the said Will, for his use and benefit and limited until he shall obtain Probate of the said Will granted to him to have effect throughout the Bombay Presidency) are required to send to the undersigned Solicitors for the said AUGUSTUS AYSHFORD CONROY and RICHARD SNEADE BROWN on their behalf at their office No. 2, Green street, Elphinstone Circle, within the Fort of Bombay, in writing their names and addresses and the particulars of their claims upon or against the estate of the said deceased so as to reach the said office on or before the 3rd day of February 1891, as after that date the said AUGUSTUS AYSHFORD CONROY and RICHARD SNEADE BROWN as such administrators will proceed to distribute the assets of the said deceased among the PERSONS thereto entitled, or will otherwise proceed to administer the said assets, having regard only to the claims of which the said administrators shall then have notice as aforesaid, and no claims sent in subsequently will be recognised.—Dated this 18th day of December 1890.
CONROY AND BROWN,
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PIANOS FOR SALE.—A number of Pianos lately returned from Hire, and are being sold at low rates to clear. All iron framed instruments, specially made for India. S. ROSE and Co., 33, Rampart Row, Bombay.

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SPECIAL SHORT ADVERTISEMENTS.—*Continued*.

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ALEXANDRA HOTEL.—I stayed at the Alexandra Hotel with my wife and family three days while awaiting the sailing of the steamer. The accommodation is good, the table is well Supplied, and the waiters attentive and polite. The charges were strictly moderate, and I was well satisfied.—ROBERT SLOAN, Kotagiri, Nilgarries.

AUCTION SALE of Mr. A. Holme's Furniture, Richard Lipp's Piano, English Brass Bedstead, Singer's Sewing Machine at No. 3, Colaba Causeway, TO-DAY, at 1 p. m.

CHRISTMAS and NEW YEAR'S CARDS, Chocolate and Chocolate Creams, English and French Confectionery, Ices, Wines and Spirits of the best Quality to be had at the VIENNA CONFECTIONERY, 25, CHURCH GATE STREET.

MEHRJEE, JOHNSTON and Co. WILL SELL THIS DAY, SATURDAY, 20th inst, at 12 noon, at their Premises in Fort, Mr. W. M. Macdonald's Horse and Carriage.

ON VIEW.—Mr. Jamsetjee Nowrojee's very Valuable and Artistic and Household Furniture, at Church Gate Street, Fort. To be SOLD on MONDAY, the 22nd instant, at 1 p.m.

CLEARANCE SALE of Extensive Stock-in-Trade of P. M. MODY & Co., Ship-Chandlers, Hardware and General Merchants, 69, Apollo Street, at 20 per cent. REDUCED PRICES.

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SALES BY AUCTION.

MESSRS. SHERIFF, SON & COMPANY
22, APOLLO STREET.

AUCTION SALE OF VALUABLE GOLD WATCHES, &c.

Messrs. SHERIFF, SON & Co. will sell by Public Auction at their Sale Rooms, opposite to the Old Secretariat, THIS DAY, SATURDAY, the 20th inst., at 2 p.m., the remaining portion of splendid and valuable assortment of gold watches for ladies and gentlemen, comprising chronographs, keyless-hunting and half-hunting, and studded with valuable gems on engraved engine turned and enamelled cases, by Messrs. Favre-Leuba & Co., being a fitting opportunity to avail themselves to secure the best description of watches ever offered to the sale by public competition, at much lower rates than can be procured at any shop. As also a splendid chance of offering ladies and gentlemen to secure them for Christmas presents to their friends and relatives as observing.
Catalogues are ready and the watches are on view.
SHERIFF, SON & Co.,
Auctioneers.
Bombay, December 20th, 1890.

MEHRJEE, JOHNSTON & CO.
No. 4, FORBES & MEADOWS STREETS, FORT

SALE OF HORSES AND CARRIAGES.

THIS DAY SATURDAY, the 20th instant, at 12 o'clock noon Messrs MEHRJEE, JOHNSTON and Co. will sell by Public Auction at their sale rooms, No. 4, Forbes and Medows Streets, Fort, the following horses and carriages, the property of WILLIAM MOSSE MACDONALD, Esqr.

HORSES.

1 B A A "Shoshab," 7 years.

CARRIAGES, HARNESS, &c.

1 dog-cart by Windover
1 set of single harness (in excellent condition)
1 saddle by Wilkinson.
Also by order of C A Turner, Esqr, Receiver in suit No. 588 of 1890.
MOTIVAHOO
vs.
PREMVAHOO & ANOTHER.
One Horse and Shigram.

SALE OF VALUABLE LANDS AND BUILDINGS BETWEEN THE MAHALAXMEE AND HAINES ROADS.

Under instructions from Charles Agnew Turner, Esq Official Assignee and Assignee of the estate and effects of the firm of Haji Mitha Kassam, Insolvents, and with the consent of Haji Sulleman Haloo Abdool Wahid, the equitable mortgagee, the following land with buildings and chawls standing thereon, will be sold on the premises in different lots as under on the respective days and hours hereunder fixed for the same.

LOT NO. 1.—To be sold THIS DAY SATURDAY, the 20th day of December, 1890, at 4 p.m.

A piece of foras land on the east of the Bombay, Baroda, and Central India Railway, and between the Mahaluxmee and Haines Roads, measuring about thirty-six thousand three hundred and sixty-one square yards.

LOT NO. 2.—To be sold on MONDAY, the 22nd day of December, 1890, at 4 p m.

Firstly—A piece of Government Foras land, lying on the south side of Clerk Road on the Byculla Flats, measuring about six thousand square yards.
Secondly—A piece of land lying on the south side of Arthur Road, measuring about six thousand square yards.
Thirdly—A piece of Foras land, lying southwards of Government ground and between the Clerk and Arthur Roads, measuring about 22,334 square yards.
Fourthly.—A piece of Foras land, lying on the northern side of Clerk Road, measuring about 1,913 square yards.
Fifthly.—A piece of Foras land, situate on the south side of Clerk Road, measuring about 1,713 square yards.

LOT NO. 3.—To be sold on TUESDAY, the 23rd day of December, 1890, at 4 p.m.

A piece of land lying in Falkland Street, measuring about 14,955 square yards.
For further particulars and conditions of sale apply to Messrs. Payne, Gilbert and Sayani, Solicitors, at their office in the Esplanade Road, above the National Bank Building, or to the undersigned.
MEHRJEE, JOHNSTON & Co.
Bombay, December 20, 1890.

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NOTICES.

IMPORTANT NOTICE.
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TO Architects, Contractors, Dock Companies, Mill Owners, Railway Companies, Ship Owners, and all who are desirous of obtaining a reliable and durable Paint, THOMAS HUBBUCK AND SON (the original Patentees of White Zinc Paint) beg to inform the above that "HUBBUCK'S GENUINE PATENT WHITE ZINC PAINT AND OILS" can always be obtained of the undermentioned well known Firms in Bombay. This Paint has successfully stood the test of all climates for many years, and has an ever increasing demand; it is far superior in pureness of colour, in body, in fineness, and lasting properties to any other Paint; retains its color, and when mixed with HUBBUCK'S PALE BOILED LINSEED OIL does not crack or blister, and is not effected by atmospheric changes, salt water, or gas). THOMAS HUBBUCK AND SON knowing the importance of such a Paint to the above, trust their Friends will continue to use this world-renowned HUBBUCK'S PATENT WHITE ZINC PAINT, the quality of which never varies.

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PERAK GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

TENDERS are invited for the construction and subsequent maintenance for 12 months of a LINE of MINIATURE RAILWAY from the Port of Telok Anson on the Perak River to Tapah, a distance of about 22½ miles.
Plants and specifications may be seen at the offices of the Colonial Secretary, Singapore, the Resident Councillor, Penang, the Secretary to the Government at Perak at Taiping, and the Government Engineer for Railways at Telok Anson during the usual office hours.
Sealed Tenders endorsed "Tapah Railway" should be sent in to the Secretary to the Government of Perak at Taiping not later than the 1st February, 1891.
W. H. TREACHER,
Secretary to the Government of Perak.
Taiping, 4th November, 1890.

IMPORTERS and DEALERS are INVITED to TENDER for the supply to the B. B. and C. I. Railway of MISCELLANEOUS STORES as per list posted up at the General Offices, Fort. Tenders will be received not later than noon on MONDAY next, at the Chief Storekeeper's Office, Parel.
S. A. DUIGAN,
Storekeeper.

NOTICE.

TENDERS Are INVITED for the PURCHASE of about 1,21,200 METRE GAUGE Wooden Sleepers (Teak 51,080, jungle-wood 69,220) removed from the late Nagpur and Chattisgarh State Railway and stacked at various stations between Nagpur and Rajnandgaon.
Tenders to be for lots of not less than 2,000 sleepers.
All Tenders should be addressed to the Agent and Chief Engineer, Bengal-Nagpur Railway, Nagpur.
B. LESLIE,
For Agent and Chief Engineer.

THE Undersigned keeps in Stock MISCELLANEOUS STORES for immediate Supply, such as Mills, Ship and Railway Stores, Hardware, Ammunition, Bolting Cloths, Fuses, Red lead, Turpentine, Brushes, Pig lead, all sorts of paints, Oil, Varnishes, Ropes of best quality and all sizes, Kerosine Oil, of the well known Brandy, Cocoanut Oil, Castor Oil, and many other articles too numerous to mention.
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Agents for Messrs. Curtis's and Harvey Gun Powder and Blasting Powder.

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NOTICE is hereby Given that we, the Undersigned, have been appointed the Sole Agents of Messrs. F. REDDAWAY and Co. for the sale of "CAMEL HAIR BELTING" in the Presidency of Bombay. The word "Camel," as applied to Belting, is a registered Trade Mark or Designation, and any one, without the leave of Messrs. F. REDDAWAY and Co., who sells Belting as "Camel Hair Belting" is liable to be prosecuted.
For Prices and Particulars of "Camel Hair Belting" apply to
SORABJEE SHAPURJEE & Co.,
Khotachi Wadi, Bombay.

TENDERS Are Invited for the CONSTRUCTION of certain BUILDINGS at COLABA.
Plans can be seen and Specifications, Bills of Quantities, &c., obtained at the office of the Undersigned, on payment of FIVE RUPEES.
Tenders will be opened in the presence of such Individuals as may attend at 12 o'clock noon, on 22nd December, 1890.
The lowest or any Tender will not necessarily be accepted
R. H. JENNINGS, Capt., R.E.,
For Executive Engineer, Bombay Dn, Military Works.
Executive Engineer's Office, Military Works Dn, Bombay, 6th Dec. 1890.

BOMBAY, BARODA & CENTRAL INDIA RAILWAY
INCLUDING
RAJPUTANA-MALWA RAILWAY,
(Includes the Rajputana State Railway, the Holkar State Railway, the Sindia-Neemuch State Railway, the Rewari-Ferozepore State Railway and the Cawnpore-Achnera State Railway.)

NOTICE.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY TICKETS.

FROM 13th to 31st December 1890, 1st and 2nd class Return Tickets at a fare and a third will be issued for the holidays for distances of 200 or over 200 miles.
2. Christmas holiday tickets between Bombay and Agra, Delhi and Ferozepore Cantonment will be issued at the following special rates:—

	First class. Rs. a. p.	Second class. Rs. a. p.
Agra	78 0 0	39 0 0
Delhi	80 0 0	40 0 0
Ferozepore	90 0 0	45 0 0

3. The holder of a Return ticket from any station south of Bandikui to Delhi can return via Agra or *vice versa*, and to Ferozepore via Delhi or Agra or *vice versa*.
4. Holiday tickets will be available for the return journey up to and including the 14th January 1891.
I. O'CALLAGHAN,
General Traffic Manager.
Bombay, 27th November 1890.

PUBLIC NOTICE.

SEALED TENDERS will be received by the Chairman, Karachi Port Trust, up to noon on THURSDAY, the 15th of January, 1891, for the purchase of the Port Trust Steam Tug "Man

BOMBAY BANK AND STOCK LIST.

BANKS.

Names.	Shares.	Amount	Paid-up.	Last Half-Yearly Divd.	Cash Rate.
INDIAN BANKS.					
Bank of Bombay	10,000	Rs. 200	Rs. 200	6 pr. ct.	Rs. 945
Bank of Bengal	40,000	200	all	5 pr. ct.	975
Bank of Madras	10,000	200	all	5 pr. ct.	925
EXCHANGE BANKS.					
Agra	100,000	£10	all	5 pr. ct.	130
Chartered Bank	40,000	£20	£20	7 pr. ct.	423
Chartered Mercantile	80,000	£25	£25	5 pr. ct.	380
Hongkong					
Shanghai Banking Corporation	60,000	$125	all	17½ pr. ct.	--
National Bank of India	37,500	£35	£12½	5 pr. ct.	160
New Oriental Bank	20,000	£10	all	6 pr. ct.	160

PRESS COMPANIES.

				Yearly.	
Akbar	500	1,000	1,000	7	1,080xd
Albert Gimpy Co	100	500	all	15 pr. ct.	450
Albert Printing	200	1,100	1,100	60	885
Apollo	700	2,400	2,400	Nil.	205
Bellasis	167	1,000	1,000	Rs. 40	375
Bombay Gazette	1,000	150	125	20	140xd
Bombay National Mercantile	600	1,000	1,000	--	505
Breul's Caxton Press Co.	500	200	200	15	90
Colaba	500	1,000	1,000	45 dvd	260
East India	500	1,000	1,000	130	1,350
English and Mangalore	150	200		Rs. 20	180
Fort	150	500	500	30	675
Franco-Indian	915	5,000	4,500	180	595
Harvey & Co.	500	500	all	30	
Kaikobad	450	450	300	30	450
Hemchandra Press Co. Ltd.	750	100	all	33½	155
Khanderao	240	450	450	54	410
Mahimdoo Cotton G. and P. Co., Ld.	200	500	500	pr. ct.	500
Maruzbha	1,000	125	125	10	60xd
Motamli Co	3,125	400	400	Rs. 40	440
Munshi M.	1,000	200	all	Rs. 15	170
New Bengal	1,000	500	500	45	660
New Indian	4,000	125	125	Rs. 10	97½
Prince of Wales	800	500	500	40	375
Sahapathi (Bellary)	500	500	500	20	500
Saraon	500	500	500	2	500
Sind and Punjab Co.	100	1,000	1,000	25	1,100xd
Sind	400	2,000	750	50	510
Sorab Wodiaa Mills	1,200	250	200		210
Volkart	--	500		Rs. 80	710

MISCELLANEOUS.

					Last half-yearly.	
Alcock Ashdown	1,000	200		200	15	212½
	750	150		150	7½	160
Back Bay Baths	500	50		50	12	60
Bathani Tobacco	5,000	100		100	12	95
Bapty Bros.	25,625	200		185	18	40
Berar Oil Mills	1,360	100	All.	Nil.	100 nom	
Bombay Fire Insurance	600	2,500		1,000	70	750
Bombay Saw Mill Manufacturing Co.	2,500	100		100	Nil.	10
Marcks & Co.	4,000	100		100	Rs. 5	73
Napier Hotel Co	2,000	100		100	9 pr. ct.	50
Napier Foundry	1,000	100		200	--	90
Oriental Govt. Security Life Insurance	5,000	200		50	12 pr. ct.	180
Oriental Loan	5,000	20		20	8 pr. ct.	15
Phillips & Co., Ld.	4,000	100		100	7 pr. ct.	65
Port Canning Co.	6,000	1,000		1,000	20	375
Prince of Wales Fire	250	18,000		1,000	N dvd	1,800
Royal Flour Mills	2,500	100		100	--	63
Soundy & Co.	1,000	100		100	9	80
Southwell and Austin	1,000	100		400 & 20	--	70
Treacher and Co	2,000	500		all	85	925
Thacker & Co.	1,500	100		100	15	95
Telephone Co.	9,200	32		25	5-8	11½
Western India Flour						

RAILWAY COMPANIES.

				Last half-yearly	guar.
G. I. P. R. Consolidated Stock	--	£100	All	5 p.c.	3,460
P., B. & C. R. New Shares	--	£ 15	--	do.	4 20

SPINNING AND WEAVING COMPANIES.

				Last half-yearly.	
Ahmedabad	600	1,000	1,000	90	1400
Alliance	12,500	1,000	all	30	485
Anglo-Indian	2,385	100	100	2	75
Bellary S & W Co. Ld. (Bellary)	871	500	all	7½ pr. ct.	500
Bombay Universal	900	1,000	1,000	25	600
Bombay Cotton Manfg. Co.	600	500	500	20	205xd
Central India	3,750	500	500	65	955
City of Bombay Mills	--	1,000	1,000	Rs. 40	910
Connaught Mills	600	500	500	Rs. 25	575
Colaba Land & Mill	4,000	700	700	20	625
Dooria Mills	500	1,000	1,000	Rs. 20	475
Dawid Mills	1,400	500	500	Rs. 20	485
Dhun Mills	1,000	1,000	1,000	70	565
Empress	24,000	500	all	Rs. 25	565
Framjee Petit	11,250	1,000	1,000	15	463
Gordon Mills	12,000	1,000	1,000	Nil.	105
Hindustan	575	1,000	1,000	Rs. 50	800
Hingwalghat Mill	700	500	500	40	630
Howard and Bullough	1,500	500	500	25	500
Hyderabad	700	1,000	1,000	Rs. 40	810
Imperial Cotton	900	1,000	500	--	370
Indian manufg.	900	1,000	1,000	Rs. 50	930
James Greaves	1,100	500	500	Rs. 25	683
Jaffer Alli	600	500	500	Nil.	345
Jamshedji Tata Manufacturing Co.	1,600	250	250	10	235
Jewraj Baloo	1,000	1,000	1,000	25	790
Jubilee Mills Co., Ld.	600	1,000	1,000	Rs. 20	585
Khandesh	750	1,000	1,000	30	695
Kharagram Manfg. Co.	400	250	250	Nil.	300 nom
Khatao Manufacturing	1,000	1,000	1,000	40	550
Kunjee	2,500	100	100	Rs. 10	182
Leopold					
Lukmidas Spinning & Weaving Co	1,000	1,000	1,000	25	872½
Madras United	300	1,000	1,000	100	1,900
Mahaluxmee	600	1,000	1,000	Nil.	325
Mahboob Shahi Mills (Gulbarga)	2,400	500	500	pr. ct.	600 nom
Manockjee Petit	4,000	1,000	all	Rs. 50	1,202½
Manugon	5,000	250	250	0	105
Morarji Goculdas	11,050	1,000	1,000	70	1,605
Maharaja & Mysore S. & M. Co.	4,500	100	100	7½ pr. ct.	10½
National	500	1,000	1,000	Nil.	17½
New Great Eastern	1,400	1,000	1,000	30	630
Oriental	5,725	250	225	10	365
People of India	1,000	250	250	Nil.	10
Presidency Mills Co. (Ld.)	743	1,000	1,000	35	1,075
Ravee	1,500	1,000	1,000	25	1,425
Shahapore Mills	500	1,000	1,000	60	1,235
Soonderdas	750	1,000	1,000	Nil.	410
Southern India	1,000	500	500	Nil.	120
Southern Mahratta	1,312	250	250	12	272½
Sun Mills, Ld.	11,200	250	250	Nil.	230
Star of India	1,400	1,000	1,000	40	575
Swadeshi Mills	3,000	500	500	Nil.	375
Victoria Mills	550	1,000	1,000	24	360
Western India	1,000	1,000	1,000	Rs. 40	700
Queen Mills	800	1,000	1,000	Rs. 30	700
Ripon Mills	600	1,000	1,000	Rs. 40	1,050
Lord Reay Mlg.	445	1,000	1,000	30	660
Union Spinning and Manufacturing Co.	900	1,000	1,000	Nil.	800
Britania Mills	1,000		1,000	Nil.	700

PRICES OF BULLION, &c.

Sovereigns, each	Rs. 13-4
Carolus	" 230
Mexican Dollars	" 223
Five-Franc Pieces	" 190-7
Bar Silver, 17½ batterness	" 21-10
Gold Leaf	" 21-10
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Australian Gold, 100 touch	" 21-8
Bombay Bar Gold, 100 touch	" 21-2
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GOVERNMENT SECURITIES, &c.

Four per cent	104½
Four-and-a-half per cent	107
Municipal 5 per cent. Debentures Loans	105
New French Loan 3 pr. ct. 1872	230
City of Paris Loan	97½
Port Trust Bonds	

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London Bankers	On demand	1s. 6d to 11-16d.
Do. do.	Telegraphic	1s. 6 d.
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Do. do.	6 Do. do.	1s. 7d.
Do. Credits	3 Do. do.	1s. 7 3-32d.
Do. do.	4 Do. do.	1s. 7d.
Do. Documents	2 Do. do.	1s. 7 7-32d.
Do. do.	6 Do. do.	1s. 7 13-32d.
France	8 Do. do.	202 to 204
Do.	At sight	204
Calcutta	At sight	100 1-16
Do.	60 days	99½
Madras	At sight	100 1-8
Do.	30 days' do.	99½
China	60 days' do.	219

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BOMBAY.

TO-DAY.

Meeting of Sorosis Club, 4 p.m.
Meeting of University Senate, 5-15 p.m.
Novelty Theatre, Bombay Amateur Dramatic Club, 9 p.m.
Columbia Skating Rink.

VESSELS ARRIVED.—The following vessels arrived on the 18th:—Aska (s), from Tuticorin; Yesterday:—Kilwa (s), Persian Gulf; Brig Futtay Salam, Damaun, and Red Cross (s), Cardiff.

VESSELS SAILED.—The following vessels sailed yesterday:—Ganges (s), for China, &c., Hispania (s), Marseilles; and Drachenfels (s), Karachi.

G. I. P. R. GYMKHANA.—The Children's 'Xmas Treat and Gymkhana Sports will take place on Parel grounds on Friday and Saturday, the 26th and 27th instant.

POSTAL NOTICE.—Mails for Zanzibar direct, per extra s. s. Schwalbe, will be closed at the General Post Office, at 2 p.m., to-day.

POSTAL NOTICE.—With effect from the 19th Dec., 1890, the charges on Foreign Money Orders and British Postal Orders will be regulated by Schedule 23, *viz.*,—Is. 6½d. per rupee.

THE SOROSIS CLUB.—The Sorosis meets to-day at 4 p.m. Subject: Photography. A class of singers from Mr. Dadabhoy's High School have promised to be present, and to sing some Gujerati songs.

POSTAL NOTICE.—Mails for Colombo, Hongkong, Singapore, and Penang, per extra s. s. Melpomene, will be closed at the General Post Office, at 4 p.m., on Monday, the 22nd instant.

FIRE AT CURRY ROAD.—Three cadjan huts, in Curry Road, were burned down yesterday. Some carelessness in cooking was the cause, and before anything could be done to save the huts they were demolished. The buildings were valued at only Rs. 30 each.

RUNAWAY HORSES.—Whilst the last large batch of fresh horses for the local Tramway Company was being landed at the Prince's Dock on Thursday, eight of the animals bolted on reaching *terra firma*. Six only have been secured by the police up to yesterday.

AN OFFICER'S BUNGALOW BROKEN INTO.—Lieut. Davie and Lieut. Douglas, of the Gloucester Regiment, residing in Middle Colaba, report that during their absence, at mess, on Wednesday night, their bungalow was entered by burglars, who broke open a box and stole property, valued at Rs. 664.

B. R. V. ASSOCIATION.—The forthcoming Annual Rifle Meeting promises to be more attractive than in former years, judging from the prizes that are coming in. One of the prizes consists of a cheque for Rs. 40, sent by Messrs. Marcks and Co., Ld., the well-known jewellers of this city.

PRIZE DISTRIBUTION.—A prize-distribution in the Boys' School-room, of St. Peter's Schools, Mazagon, will be held on Monday, December 22, at 5-30 p.m. The Archdeacon of Bombay, and Mr. H. A. Acworth, Municipal Commissioner, will be among the speakers. The attendance of all friends of the Mission is earnestly requested.

THE MASKED CARNIVAL AT THE RINK.—His Excellency Lord Harris has accorded his patronage to this popular place of amusement on 'Xmas Eve, and it is accordingly expected there will be a bumper house. Comfortable arrangements are being made for the reception of the *elite* of Bombay of all communities, and as the proceeds are to be given to the Leper Asylum, after the deduction of initial expenses, it affords an opportunity for the charitable to open their hearts and their purse-strings.

THE PARSEE AMATEURS AT THE NOVELTY.—The Bombay Amateur Dramatic Club will this evening repeat their performance of "The Golden Plough," and "Fish out of Water," at the Novelty Theatre. It will undoubtedly be found to-night that the amateurs, by further rehearsal, have done much to rub off the rough corners usually observable at a first performance. The entertainment is on this occasion in aid of the funds of the Alexandra Native Girls' Institution, and H. E. the Governor and Lady Harris have signified their intention of being present.

MR. KAIKUSRO HORMUSJEE ALPAIWALA, Judge of the Court of Small Causes at Surat, having been permitted to retire on pension, Mr. Dorjee Radjee Mody, of the Poona Court, has been appointed to succeed him; and Mr. Khundalavala, of the Ahmedabad Court, transferred to Poona. Mr. Krishnamookhram, Assistant Registrar of the High Court, on the Appellate Side, has been nominated to the Ahmedabad station. As he is now on sick leave for two months, Mr. Kaikusro will probably be asked to continue in his office until the former gentleman is able to join.

SIX MONTHS FOR STEALING A CAP.—At the Esplanade Police Courts yesterday, before Mr. C. W. Richardson, Third Presidency Magistrate, Inspector Nelmes charged Atmaram Jeewa, with the theft of an embroidered cap, valued at Rs. 2. The prisoner had been arrested on suspicion and enquiries led to the discovery that the cap had been stolen from the room of Jeggomath Kasinath, who resided at Dhowbaswadi, and pawned by the prisoner to a Marwaroe for thirteen days ago, but had no idea where it had gone. The prisoner pleaded guilty and admitted a previous conviction of three months. His Worship sent him to jail to undergo six months' rigorous imprisonment.

THE CONGRESS.—At a public meeting, held at Surat, the following delegates were elected to attend the Congress at Calcutta:—Messrs. Ratiram Daye, Hardevram Nanabhai Haridas, H. H. Vyas, and Jagmohandas Vandravandas.—At a large public meeting held in Nadiad, for the purpose of electing delegates to the sixth Indian National Congress, the following gentlemen were unanimously elected to represent the Kaira and Panchmahals Congress circle:—Mr. Govardhanram Madhavlal Tripallie, pleader, High Court, Prof. Manilal Nabhubhov Dvivedi, B.A., and Mr. Harilal Kirparam Pandia, pleader, High Court, secretaries to the Kaira and Panch Mahals Congress Committee, Mr. Madhavlal Javarilal Umiashanker Yajnik, B.A., LL.B., and Mr. Tansukram Munsukram Tripathi, B.A.

A DISHONEST RAILWAY SERVANT.—Mahomed Maduk Sha, a stalwart Pathan, was yesterday, at the Girgaum Police Court, charged before the Second Presidency Magistrate, with the theft of thirty-four copper stays, bolts, &c., and a hammer, valued at Rs. 21-4-0, the property of the Railway Company. Accused pleaded that he found the copper stays &c., thrown on a flat behind his house, which was some distance from the workshop, and had picked them up to show them to his foreman next morning. The hammer another man gave him to keep. The police had arrested him on suspicion and he told them what he had stated to the Court. The Magistrate thought that the articles were found in his possession, and, as he was not able to satisfactorily account for the same, he would suffer rigorous imprisonment for one month.

TIT FOR TAT.—Ramchunder Narain, a young Hindu lad, was yesterday charged before Mr. Hamilton, at the Girgaum Police Court, with the theft of an umbrella, the property of another Hindu, named Nirkund Sadasiv. It appeared that both these persons had visited the Museum at Victoria Gardens on Thursday, leaving their umbrellas at the entrance door according to rule. When the accused came out he found, according to his statement, that his own umbrella, a brand new one, had been taken away, and so he thought he might as well take another in its stead. On taking an umbrella, the Museum peon remonstrated with him, remarking that he had seen the accused go in, and he had brought nothing in his hand. The owner of the disputed umbrella soon came out, an altercation ensued, and the thief was made over to the police. His Worship told the prisoner that, if his version of the story were true, he should have reported the theft of his own umbrella to the police, and not have coolly taken another's property. He would be sentenced to fifteen days' rigorous imprisonment.

BRUTAL ASSAULT ON A WOMAN.—Bhaju Bowani, a young Hindu reckla-driver was yesterday, at the Girgaum Police Court, charged before the Second Presidency Magistrate with criminally assaulting Bhaju, the wife of a mill-hand at Parel. It appeared that the girl had taken her husband's meal to the Sassoon Silk Mills, Victoria Road, where he worked, on Thursday morning, when the accused hired another reckla, bargaining for ten annas, from the Sir Jamsetjee Hospital to the Silk Mills. After her husband had his meals, the woman went along the road homewards, when the accused dragged her by the hand, and lifted her into the hired reckla he had brought, pulling down the blinds. The woman raised an alarm, and in a few minutes, her husband and the police were on the spot. Accused pleaded that the woman and her husband had engaged the reckla he was hired to drive, some time previously, and had not paid for the fare from Parel to Walkeshwar and back, and so the woman herself had asked him to meet them at the Silk Mills, for payment that day. He was an invalid and so engaged a reckla, otherwise he should have walked there. The Court observed that the witness produced belonged entirely to the side of the accused, and yet every one of them had deposed against him. He would be sentenced to fifteen days' hard labour.

PUSHING A BOY INTO A BONFIRE.—Junabai, a surly-looking old Hindu woman of the labouring class, was charged, at the Girgaum Police Court yesterday, with pushing a boy of six years into a bonfire, by which he was so seriously burned that he now lies in a precarious state, in the J. J. Hospital. It appeared that the urchin and another were throwing in wood shavings and old straw to keep alive the bonfire, the straw belonging to the accused, who, in a rage, thrust the unfortunate youth into the fire. The fire was meant to warm the mill-hands who lived there. Accused pleaded that she feared the hut in which her husband kept his bullocks and carts which was close by would be burnt down, so shouted after the boys to stop adding fuel to the fire. At this one of the youngsters pushed the other into the fire. In his evidence, one of the boys, told the Magistrate that the hut was at least two *kos* (miles) away from the fire. (Laughter.) His Worship said to the boy: "Was the distance twice as long as yourself?" (Laughter.) The boy: Oh, yes, it was as far as that house (pointing through the Court window) as that house (pointing through the Court window) a distance of twenty feet. Inspector McCormack here interrupted by seeking an adjournment as the boy was not expected to live. His Worship observed that from the evidence it was quite clear that the accused by no means meant her act to lead to such results. It was nevertheless rash, and he would fine her Rs. 10

THE SUICIDE BY A PANJABI.—At a Coroner's inquest on Thursday night, the widow of the deceased, Thomas Luxmon Sing, said:—Deceased was in the employ of Mr. Ballantine, and was discharged two months ago. Since I married him, 22 years ago, he always ill-used me. He was turned out of the American Mission House at Camatipura, four months ago. A fortnight ago he asked me to get the Missionaries to take him back into their service. I declined, but Messrs Gangadhur and Baba Sahib allowed him to live there. At 4-30 p.m. yesterday, I went to a Dorcas Meeting in Belasis-road, and deceased went with me. He went into Baba Sahib's house, and I went on to the meeting. He asked me to call for him on my return. About 5-30 p.m. the meeting was over, and I went home by another way. He returned home half an hour later, and began to abuse me because I did not call for him. I left him much excited and went into another room. At 2 o'clock this morning hearing deceased moving about in his room, I awoke, when he told me not to tell people that he used to ill-treat me. He then went into the next room and opened his box, took out something, and brought some water which he poured in a cup. He stirred the water in the cup with his finger and drank it. He then became ill immediately. I thought he had taken poison, and screamed, when a woman, named Bukmabai, answered me. Deceased went and fastened her door on the outside. I ran out of the room, and brought a policeman, and took him upstairs. The policeman sent me for a victoria, which I brought and he put deceased in it, and told me to take him to the hospital, and I did so, and left him there. The verdict was "suicidal death by arsenic poisoning."

A DISPUTE WITH A BILL COLLECTOR.—Bhagee Govindjee, an elderly Hindu, yesterday, at the Girgaum Police Court, charged Shunker Sitaram, a bill-collector in the service of the Municipality, with making use of improper language towards him. Mr. Crawford represented the defendant, and complainant made an effort at leading the case himself. The disagreement arose on the defendant's presenting bills for payment for certain municipal taxes which were overdue. In answer to the complainant's question whether all other persons in that ward had already paid their taxes, the defendant is said to have used unbecoming language, and to have rudely answered that such an officious question merited no reply. From the evidence adduced it contrarily appeared that the complainant had not only abused the bill-collector, but had also chased him out of his house with a shoe-makers' hammer in his hand. It appeared from the evidence that the complainant had figured frequently at that Court as defendant, being several times fined for various offences. Complainant had in June last reported what, as he considered the reprehensible conduct of the same bill-collector to the Commissioner of the Municipality, who, after a most careful enquiry, had informed Bhagee Govindjee that his imputations were unjust. These proceedings and letters were read in Court. His Worship observed that although the evidence before the Court was meant to favour the accused, it was apparent that the bill-collector had made use of some unguarded language, but it was not altogether unprovoked. The complainant appeared to the Court to be haughty and overbearing in his demeanour, and his natural provocation must have led on to a retaliation. The accused, however, would be warned and discharged.

A GANG OF BURGLARS SENT TO PRISON.—At the Esplanade Police Court yesterday, before Mr. C. W. Richardson, Third Presidency Magistrate, Boen Butchund, Rajpal Jetsey, Hurry Luximon, and Shamat Nuttoo, were charged on remand by Inspector Cobb, with committing house-breaking and theft of property, including currency notes, hard cash, and ornaments of the collective value of Rs. 1,689. Two other prisoners had been arrested on the supposition of their having acted in concert with the robbers, but this suspicion proved groundless, and after a most careful enquiry had been instituted by the police, Superintendent Brewin informed his Worship that the accusations against them were without foundation. His Worship entirely concurred in this opinion, and discharged them. With reference to the above four, it appears, that they broke into an indigo merchant's shop a little after midnight, on 15th instant, in Narayen Daru Street. When morning broke Muggunlal, who is described as a native of Mooltan, proceeded to open up his shop, which he had left securely locked before quitting it on the previous midnight. A glance round his premises revealed to him what had occurred. Access to the room had been obtained through a large hole made in the wall. The door stood ajar, and in the passage outside his money-boxes were scattered about, they having been indubitably forced open. A sum of Rs. 1,200, in currency notes, Rs. 210 in hard cash, a silver drinking vessel, and a head ornament, to the amount above quoted, were found to have disappeared. The circumstances of the occurrence were immediately communicated to Inspector Cobb, at the Pydhownie Police station, who immediately made an inquiry, and the result was that three of the prisoners were arrested on the 8th instant, while information was received that the remaining accomplice had absconded to Nagutanda, on the opposite side of the harbour. His arrest was effected on the 9th instant through a policeman who was sent in quest of him. Police investigations led to the recovery of property to the value of Rs. 958. His Worship convicted them on the evidence adduced, and a reference to the records showed that all four of them had been previously convicted and suffered long terms of imprisonment. The prisoners were committed to jail each to undergo two years and ten months' hard labour.

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THE following further subscriptions have been promised:—Venayak Mahadeo Pandit and Professor R. G. Oxonham, each Rs. 50, Markand Nandshankar Mehta, Jagjivan Nandshankar Mehta, V V Wagle, and G M Carshedjee each Rs. 25; K M Raghavendra Rao, S T Bhaloo Oliver, each Rs. 20; Framjee Cursetjee Jamshedjee and J C Cama each Rs. 15; T B Horkar, R A Nadkarni, Johangirshah E Kohiyar, R S Taki, V S Desai, I B Bomanbohram, Bolchand Kodumal Jagtani, N S Ginwala of Broach, Ranchordas Vandravandas Purshottandas, and N V Bapat, each, Rs. 10; A Costa, Lakhimal Aidas Vasu, Jehangir Dosabhoy, Rastam Burjorjee Paymaster, and G B Gunjikar each Rs. 5; N V Gokhale, Rs. 10—total Rs. 455; promised subscription previously acknowledged Rs. 8,150-9, total of promised subscription, Rs. 8,605-9.

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THE MATOONGA HIGHWAY ROBBERY.

MESSRS. WALKER AND ATMARAM, solicitors, yesterday, appeared before the Second Presidency Magistrate, at the Girgaum Police Court, and urged that the charge in the above case against their clients, who were all present in Court, be proceeded with. Mr. Cursondas Chubildas opposed the motion, stating that only four out of seven of the accused were up to date traced by the police, and these four, he submitted, should not be allowed bail, but be apprehended for the offence which was an unbailable one. Mr. Walker, of Messrs. Chalk, Walker, and Smetham, who represented Davidas, the broker, replied that this was the very reason why he had sat so long in Court on being informed that the case was to be heard at one o'clock. In the event of warrants of apprehension being likely to issue he would apply for bail. His Worship said that he still held to the same opinion as he had expressed the other day. The police had informed him that no specific charge or definite grounds were taken up by the prosecution. It was for the police to enquire and satisfy themselves as to what arrests were necessary. Mr. Atmaram remarked that Inspector Jones had given him an assurance of there being no case against his clients. His Worship reassured counsel for the defence that he would not interfere in the case under present circumstances. It was entirely a police case, and he would not consent to forcing his hands. The case was then adjourned *sine die*.

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PROFESSOR ELLIOT, who was sent specially to Alaska to inquire into the seal fisheries question, has submitted a long report to the American Congress on the subject. The report shows that the seal is almost extinct, but the Professor recommends that a Commission should be formed, consisting of representative Americans and Englishmen, to visit the fishing grounds and make an exhaustive inquiry into the whole subject. Professor Elliot is in favour of preventing the capture of any seals for seven years, in order to admit of the supply increasing. It is felt here that a great deal of the embarrassment which is now experienced with regard to the seal fisheries question is due to the exaggerated statements which have appeared in the English press, the English people seeming to think that the supply of seals is practically inexhaustible. Mr. Blaine is in something of a predicament with regard to this matter. His position has been all along that the United States has jurisdiction over the Behring Sea. The truth of this, however, is questioned by many leading authorities in Congress and in the legal profession.

THE PANDIT BHAGVANLAL INDRAJI MEMORIAL FUND.

A MEETING of the subscribers to the Pandit Bhagvanlal Indraji Memorial Fund was held in one of the rooms of the Library of the Bombay Branch of the Royal Asiatic Society at 5-30 p.m. on Tuesday, the 16th instant. The Hon'ble Sir Raymond West, K.C.I.E., presided on the occasion. There were present:—Messrs. Sorabjee Shapurjee Bengalee, C.I.E., Vundravandas Purshotamdas, Vrijbhukhandas Atmaram, Vajeshankar Gavreshankar, Prabhuram Jivanram Vaidya, Ratiram Dargaram, Karim Nensey, Haribhai Vajeshankar, Fazulbhai Jumabhai, Sale Mahomed Noormund, Vishwanath Prabhuram, and Cursondas Vullabhdas and the Hon'ble Mr. Javerilal Umiashanker Yajnik, honorary secretaries.

The Hon'ble Mr. Javerilal Umiashankar Yajnik opened the proceedings by remarking that the meeting was called to pass the audited accounts of the Pandit's memorial fund, and to approve the draft letter to the Vice-Chancellor of the Bombay University, offering Rs. 6,000, in five per cents. Bombay Municipal Debentures, for the foundation of the Bhagvanlal Indraji Gold Medal. He called to mind the resolution passed at the preliminary meeting of the friends and admirers of the late Pandit held on the 15th August, 1888. That resolution expressed the general sense of the meeting, which was that the Pandit's eminence as a scholar and archæologist rendered it in every way fitting and desirable that steps should be taken to commemorate his name in connection with the local University by some endowment for the encouragement of original research and a branch of knowledge, in furtherance of which the distinguished scholar had devoted the best part of his life. The subscriptions which flowed in showed that the promoters of the meeting had in no way miscalculated the result of their appeal to the large circle of the Pandit's friends and admirers in India and Europe. Foremost and largest among the donors was his Highness the Nawab of Junaghad, which was the birthplace of the Pandit. His Highness gave a donation of Rs. 500. This was followed by Rs. 300 given by H. H. the Thakore Saheb of Bhownugger and Rs. 200 by H. H. the Rao of Cutch; the private friends of the late Pandit, European and Indian, also contributed liberally. That the Pandit enjoyed a European reputation for epigraphy and scholarship is attested by the fact that European *savants* like Professor Emile Senart of Paris, Dr. Buhler of Vienna, Dr. Codrington of London, Professor Rondall of the British Museum, and Professor Lanman of the University of Massachussets, U. S. of America, were among the subscribers to the fund. No one more than the Hon'ble the Chairman of the meeting (Sir Raymond West), Lord Reay, late Governor of Bombay, Mr. J. M. Campbell, Mr. Fleet, the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Telang, Mr. Sorabjee Shapurjee Bengaloo, and other friends of the Pandit responded to the call. He need not go over the list any further. The names he had mentioned were enough to show in what estimation the labours of the earnest worker was held. As soon as the amount collected at the Bank amounted to over Rs. 6,000, it was invested in 4 per cent. Government paper. Further contributions, added to the interest and sale proceeds of Government paper, enabled the honorary secretaries to convert the investment from Government into 5 per cent. Municipal Debentures. The result of this conversion was an annual yield of Rs. 300 in place of Rs. 240. Then as to the form the memorial should take, it was thought proper at first to found a scholarship of Rs. 25 per month in Indian epigraphy or palæography in connection with the University. Further consideration showed that this was an optional subject in the M.A. course of the University, and that the competition for it in that course would be limited to a very small number of graduates, so that, in fact, the scholarship would remain practically unawarded. It was therefore thought that the more desirable course would be to found a gold medal, the cost of which need not exceed Rs. 250, to be awarded annually to the author of the best essay in English on some subject connected with Indian epigraphy, the competition being extended to graduates of fifteen years' standing. The remaining sum of Rs. 50 was to be applied to the printing and distribution of copies of the successful essay among the chief libraries and universities of India and Europe. It is also provided that, should the medal fail to be awarded for any four years, the accumulations of those years should go towards remunerating, at the rate of Rs. 1,000, an Indian scholar for a series of lectures on Indian archæology, antiquities, or epigraphy. It was to be hoped that the offer of this gold medal would be an incentive to scholars in India towards original research and study of the ancient monuments of India, illustrative of the past history of the country and of the character of the people (Hear, hear).

On the motion of Mr. Vundravandas Purshotumdas, seconded by Mr. Ratiram Durgaram, it was resolved that the audited accounts of the Pand

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COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE

BOMBAY MARKET REPORT.

FRIDAY EVENING, DEC. 19.

AN unsettled feeling has prevailed in commercial circles during the past week, and business generally has continued very quiet, purchases of Cotton having again been almost entirely for account of local spinners, while Wheat and Seeds have also been in small demand for export. A sudden and considerable rise took place in Exchange early in the week under the influence of telegraphic advices regarding Silver, and though rates have receded somewhat from the highest point reached, they are still ⅛d. higher for Bank Bills, and 7-16d. for Credits than they were last Friday evening. Money is plentiful, the Presidency Bank's rate remaining at the low level of 3 per cent. Government Paper has advanced ¼ per cent. in Fours. Freights are dull at nominally unchanged quotations; but demand for tonnage is absent. The advance in Exchange has curtailed business in imports; but prices of staple manufactures are generally well maintained.

MONEY.—Instead of the increase which we have become accustomed to, the Presidency Banks' Statement of Affairs, issued at the beginning of the week, showed a diminution of nearly 19 lakhs in the Cash Balance, making it stand at 576 lakhs. The principal change during the week covered by the Return was in Private Deposits which had diminished by some 25 lakhs, but the increase in Bills discounted had been less than during the previous week, while instead of the considerable increase in Loans disclosed by the last Statement, there was a falling-off of 4¾ lakhs. The net increase in trade requirements was thus represented by some 23 lakhs, the Cash Balance having been further reduced on the one hand by the withdrawal of Government deposits to the extent of some 3 lakhs, but enhanced on the other, by the realization of Government Securities. Money continued plentiful in the open market; and with export business quiet in its leading branches, and the principal staple coming forward in daily diminishing quantities compared with last season's supplies, it does not look as if there would be much expansion in the trade demand at present. No change has been made in the Bank's rates this week, and the minimum remains at 3 per cent. per annum.

EXCHANGE opened with a quiet feeling on last mail day at 1s. 6¾d. for Bank Demand, and 1s. 6¾d. for three months' sight Credits; but 1s. 6 5-16d. soon became the rate for the former for the mail, one Bank having come out and taken a big line at 1s. 6¾d. Beyond this transaction between Banks, however, little business was done, and the market closed quiet, forward Demand being quoted at 1s. 6¾d. for January, and at 1s. 6¾d. for February; and Credits, for the same delivery, at 1s. 6 15-16d. and 1s. 7 1-16d., respectively. The new week opened with a quiet feeling in the market, Bank Demand and three months' sight Credits having been quoted at 1s. 6¾d. and 1s. 6 11-16d. respectively; and the tone remained steady throughout the day, a moderate business having been done in credits at the above rate, for all December delivery, but nothing to speak of in Bank Paper. Forward demand, for January, was called 1s. 6 7-16 to ¼d.; and Credits, 1s. 6 13-16 to ⅞d., for the same delivery, and 1s. 6 15-16d., for February. On Tuesday the market was excited under the influence of news of much higher rates for Silver in London and New York, and, opening at an advance of ⅛ to 7-16d. on Saturday's final quotations, say at 1s. 6¾d. for Demand Bank Bills and 1s. 7¼d. for three months' sight credits, remained firm all day to the close. Some forward Telegraphic was done, for March, &c., transfer, at from 1s. 7d. to 1s. 7 3-16d.; but little else transpired and the Banks were unwilling buyers forward. At closing, Bank Demand, for February delivery, at 1s. 7¼d. forward Credits being nominal. The market was unsettled at opening on the following day in presence of the different tenor of the advices to hand by wire concerning Silver from London and New York, respectively, Band Demand having been quoted at 1s. 6⅞d. and three months' sight Credits at 1s. 7⅛d. A considerable business was done, both for ready and forward delivery, in Bank Bills, but very little in Private Paper, and the feeling at closing was quiet. Yesterday the market opened steady at 1s. 6¾d. for Bank Demand, and 1s. 7⅛d. for three months' sight Credits, and the same feeling continued throughout the day without any change in rates. A fair amount of Bank remittance was again placed, say Telegraphic, for January transfer, at 1s. 6¾d.; March, at 1s. 7 3-16d. and for December, at 1s. 6 11-16d. and 1s. 6¾d; but there was little doing in Merchants' Paper again. This morning rates opened at 1-16d. above yesterday's closing quotations, but, one Bank coming out a keen buyer, rates rapidly fell and closed weak at the following quotations for ready business, forward Demand being quoted at 1s. 6 13-16d. for January; and Credits 1s. 7 5-16d. for January, and 1s. 7 7-16d. for February delivery.

Bank 3 months' sight .....1s. 6 15-16d.
Do. 4 months' sight .....1s. 7d.
Do. 6 months' sight .....1s. 7⅛d.
Credits 3 months' sight .....1s. 7 3-16d.
Do. 6 months' sight .....1s. 7⅜d.
Documents 3 months' sight. ...1s. 7 7-32d.
Do. 6 months' sight .....1s. 7 13-32d.
Francs 3 months' sight .....2·02 to 1½
Do. 6 months' sight .....2·04

GOVERNMENT PAPER remained steady to the close of last week, but with not much doing. The cash price of Four per cents. touched 104, the rates for Account remaining at 103⅜ for the next settlement, and 103½ for February; but, at closing, 103 15-16 was named for Money. The market was strong on Monday, and some further upward movement in Fours took place. There were buyers at 104 for Money, at 103 13-16 for the 5th January settlement, and at 103¾ for the 2nd February account; and by the close a further advance of ⅛ per cent. had been established in the cash price, and of 1-16 for January, at 104⅛ and 103⅝, respectively. On the following day ⅛ to 3-16 per cent. of the previous advance was lost in a quiet market, rates for Fours receding to 104⅜ for Money, 104 3-16 for the coming settlement, and 103 13-16 for the February account; but before closing the cash price recovered to 104⅜, the January account being quoted at 104, and February at 103⅝. Yesterday there was a firm feeling in the market, and rates for Fours, after remaining for some time at 104 3-16 for cash, 104 1-16 for the next settlement, and 103 13-16 for the 2nd February account, closed about ⅛ per cent. higher in all positions. To-day the market has been lower, and Fours for Money have receded to 104⅛, while the Account rates have declined to 104 for next month and 103 11-16 for February, but the feeling has been steady at the decline. For the other denomination 107 nominal, is now quoted, ⅛ per cent. higher having been named during the week.

Five per cent. Municipal Loan and Port Trust Bonds are both unchanged at 105 and 99⅛ respectively.

SHARES.—There has been a pretty general upward movement both in Cotton Mill and Press shares during the past week, and our quotations this evening show an advance in many instances compared with those of last Friday evening. In the former, Star of India, are Rs. 30 higher; Sassoon, and Hyderabad Deccan have advanced Rs. 25; Morarjee Gokaldas, Rs. 15; but Lord Reay, Ripon, Western India, James Greaves, Coorla, Colaba Land and Mill, Central India, and Bombay Cotton are all Rs. 10 higher; City of Bombay, Empress, Gordon, Hindustan, Howard and Bullogh, Imperial, and Presidency have all advanced Rs. 5. On the other hand, we note a decline of Rs. 15 in New Great Eastern; and of Rs. 5 each in Sholapur, Oriental, Mazagon, and Framjee Patel. In Press shares, Akbar are Rs. 30 up; East Indian have advanced Rs. 25; New Berar and Volkarts are Rs. 10 higher; Harvey and Sabapathy have advanced Rs. 10; and Bombay Cotton, Mofussil, and Sabapathy, Rs. 5 each. Sind and Punjab have declined Rs. 75; and Hingoli, Rs. 20. In Miscellaneous shares, Bombay-Burma Trading, first issue, are Rs. 25 lower, and the others, Rs. 10; Port Canning and Maharani Ice are Rs. 5 higher. Marcks & Co., are Rs. 3 higher; Kemp and Co. have declined Rs. 15. In Banks, Bank of Bombay shares are Rs. 12½ higher; Madras have advanced Rs. 10; and Agra Rs. 5 per share.

IMPORTS.

PIECE-GOODS.—The rise in Exchange during the past week has led to some falling off in the demand for wholesale lots of staple *Grey Goods*, but an active retail enquiry has been felt throughout the week at fully current rates, and the week's business has thus reached a respectable total. Stocks are gradually decreasing and 40 and 45 in *Shirting Madapollams* and *T Cloths* are in good demand. There has been no change in rates for *Bleached Goods*, of which *Shirtings*, *Mulls* and *Nainsooks* are in comparatively good request. *Turkey Red*, *Dyed*, and *Printed Goods* have been in moderate enquiry at last week's quotations. The off-take of *Imported Goods* from the Bazar during the week is estimated at 4,000 bales. In *Local Goods*, *Chadars*, *Dhoties*, *T Cloths*, and Zanzibar descriptions have been in active demand at full prices, and stocks are decreasing. The clearances for the week have been about 3,200 bales.

YARN.—Only a small business has transpired in *Imported Twist*, and the tone of the market has been quiet; but we make no change in last week's quotations. Sales of *Bombay Spinnings* at Hongkong for the week ending last Tuesday aggregated only 2,500 bales, with Exchange at Rs. 223; and prices there have hardened a little in a few instances. China buyers here have made moderate purchases of 10s., 12s., 16s., and 20s., and the market closes firm at the following final quotations:—

Twist...	...No.	6s.	Mule	As.	4¼	to	4¾	per lb.
" ...	... "	8s.	"	"	4⅞	"	4⅞	"
" ...	... "	10s.	"	"	5⅛	"	5⅛	"
" ...	... "	12s.	"	"	5⅜	"	5⅜	"
" ...	... "	16s.	"	"	6⅛	"	6⅛	"
" ...	... "	20s.	"	"	6	"	6 7-16	"
" ...	... "	24s.	"	"	6¼	"	6¼	"
" ...	... "	30s.	"	"	6½	"	8	"
" ...	... "	40s.	"	"	8	"	9¼	"

METALS.—*Copper* and *Yellow Metal* have both been quiet in tone, and only a small business has transpired in either, rates for all descriptions being quite unchanged. In *Iron* also only a small business has been done; but prices are Re. 1 to Re. 1½ lower, for most descriptions.

COAL.—Owing to the advance in Exchange, prices in this market have declined. A cargo of Powell's Duffryn, for February-March Shipment was sold at Rs. 17½ per ton, and another at Rs. 17½; and Davison's West Hartley has been offering freely at Rs. 15½. There are buyers for a couple of cargoes of Powell's at Rs. 17 in the market; but there is not much enquiry for Davison's. We quote Powell's at Rs. 17¼ and Davison's at Rs. 15⅝ sellers' prices, with buyers at a decline of four and eight annas per ton, respectively.

EXPORTS.

COTTON.—Business in this staple has again been almost entirely confined to purchases of ready New Cotton by local spinners; and on most days the transactions reported have been upon only a moderate scale. A better demand than had previously existed sprang up on Monday, and considerable purchases were made in a steady market; but on the following day the tone became quiet, and a small business was transacted, while prices gave way Re. 1 per candy. Thereafter not much was done the feeling remaining quiet, or at best steady, a further decline in rates of Re. 1 to Rs. 2 per candy having been established yesterday. The principal lots of New Cotton taken have been Julgaum, at Rs. 178½-82½; Bengals, at Rs. 157-179; Dhulia, at Rs. 172 3⅛; Akola and Ginned, at Rs. 183-91½; Khandaon and Ginned, at Rs. 196-5; Nugger, at Rs. 182½-3½; and Hinganghat Ginned, at Rs. 203-5. Of old stuff a few small lots have found buyers, say Bengals at Rs. 134-40; Barsee, at Rs. 170; Anjari, at Rs. 167¼; Tinnivelly, at Rs. 182-87½; and Westerns, at Rs. 162 per candy. This evening the market closed with a quiet feeling, and with prices Rs. 2 to Rs. 3 per candy lower than they were a week ago.

The Receipts of Cotton of the new crop during the past week have been 33,000 bales, compared with 29,200 bales to hand in the previous week, and 39,000 bales received during the corresponding week last year. The falling-off in this season's arrivals of new Cotton compared with last year's receipts during the same period has now reached 89,300 bales.

About half an inch at Nagpore, and a few cents at Khangaum, was all the rain registered in the Cotton district from the middle to the end of last week; and though the weather continued cloudy in some districts of the Bengal circle, and Cotton picking was likely to be delayed at Agra, it had become bright and seasonable again in all the other circles except in the Dhollera district of Viruingaum, where it was still cloudy. At Broach, the mornings were cold and dewy again, and the Cotton was ready for picking in some places as it was also at Dhollera, while at Bhownugger picking had commenced, and arrivals were expected early. Some 14 cents of rain fell at Agra, and 36 at Delhi, in the Bengal circle after the date of the telegraphic weather and crop reports to hand at the beginning of the week; but none over any other part of the Cotton area, where the weather generally was seasonable again; but early arrivals of Barsee will show black leaf. Cotton picking, according to yesterday's advices, had partially begun in the Broach district; and at Dhollera it was ready for picking in some places.

The following are to-day's quotations for full-pressed Cotton, with the equivalents in Sterling, Cost, and Freight to Liverpool via Canal without Commission, viz:—

Cotton—		Per candy.	Per lb. C.&F.
Bengal Fine	(Dec-Jan)	Rs.	172—5 3-32d.
Do. Fully Good	"	"	158—5 11-32d.
Do. Good	"	"	152—5 11-16d.
Oomra, Fully Good (Good Staple)	March.,	"	188—6 17-32d.
Do. Good	do	"	182—6 13-32d.
Khandeish, Fully Good	(Jan)	"	176—6d.
Do. Good	do	"	170—5¾d.
Broach, Fine	(March)	"	213—6½d.
Do Good	do	"	206—6 31-32d.
Belatee, Fine	(Jan)	"	175—6 7-32d.
Do. Fully Good	"	"	170—6d.
Do. Good	"	"	167—6 1-16d.
Dhollera, Fine	(April-May)	"	200—6 13-16d.
Do. Fully Good	"	"	193—6 17-32d.
Do. Good	"	"	180—6 11-32d.
S G Dharwar Good	(April)	"	193—6 19-32d.
Western Good	(May)	"	181—6d.

The arrivals of new Cotton into Bombay this season, as compared with last, are as follows:—

	Season. 1890-91. Bales.	Season. 1889-90. Bales.
Bengals.....	24,000	108,500
Berar.....	50,500	43,500
Khandeish	3,200	8,500
Hinganghaut.....	119,700	209,000

The movements of Cotton to date show the following comparison with the two previous years:—

Clearances to Great Britain and Continent.			
From 1st Jan. to Dec.....	2,081,970	1,919,237	1,422,511
For the week	4,656	7,716	10,488
From 1st Jan. to 18th Dec.....	1,416,014	1,290,751	867,339
Clearances to Calcutta, China, &c.			
For the week	2,846	4,399	315
From 1st Jan. to 18th Dec.....	70,137	43,247	45,936

WHEAT has been a quiet market throughout the week, with only a small export business passing. *Pessy* of both qualities has given way a little in price, and we now quote Rs. 4-9-0 for 91 per cent., and Rs. 4-8-0 for 85 per cent.; but other descriptions are quite unchanged in value.

SEEDS also have been taken to a small extent by shippers, on most days, and the tone of the market has been oftener quiet than steady. *Linseed* has declined half an anna, and *Guzerat Rape Seed* two annas per cwt., but no other change in prices has taken place. We now quote:—

Linseed .....Rs. 6-3-6 to Rs. 6-6-6 per cwt.
Rapeseed, Yellow Guzerat. " 6-4-0 " " 6-5-0 "
Do. do. Cawnpore. " 6-2-0 " " 6-3-0 "
Do. Red do. " 5-8-0 " " 6-1-0 "

The Comparative Imports of Wheat and Seeds are as follows:—

	cwt.	cwt.	cwt.
Wheat for the week.....	201,650	163,172	162,173
Do. from 1st Jan. to 18th December...	6,781,508	6,643,141	11,643,730
Linseed for the week....	35,286	24,769	22,877
Do. from 1st Jan. to 18th December...	2,487,478	2,045,758	2,841,745
Rapeseed for the week...	2,957	19,455	17,984
Do. from 1st Jan. to 18th December...	901,394	2,055,953	2,072,471
Gingelly seed for the week	57,525	79,320	31,998
Do. from 1st Jan. to 18th December...	1,079,308	1,030,354	921,545

The clearances of Wheat and Seeds to Great Britain and Continent are as follows:—

Wheat for the week.....	152,004	181,054	114,733
Do. from 1st Jan. to 18th December...	5,119,996	5,768,841	9,406,727
Linseed for the week ...	59,973	24,331	162,381
Do. from 1st Jan. to 18th December...	2,380,898	2,120,416	2,680,279
Rapeseed for the week...	17,884	27,877	46,667
Do. from 1st Jan. to 18th December...	781,840	2,241,741	1,846,930
Gingelly Seed for the week	34,519	17,004	13,064
Do. from 1st Jan. to 18th December...	1,040,780	859,664	757,654

(REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.)

THE MAILS.

ADEN, DEC. 18.

The P. and O. Co.'s s.s. Siam, with homeward Indian mails of 13th instant, arrived here at 4 p.m. to-day.

STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

SINGAPORE, DEC. 18.

The P. and O. Co.'s steamer Gwalior (extra) left here for Bombay this afternoon.

HONGKONG, DEC. 19.

The Austro-Hungarian Lloyd's steamer Posidon left for Bombay this afternoon.

PORT SAID, DEC. 18.

The Hall Line steamer Looksley Hall left here this evening.

The B. I. S. N. Company's steamer India left here this evening.

PLYMOUTH, DEC. 18.

The B. I. S. N. Company's steamer Rewa arrived here yesterday morning.

LIVERPOOL, DEC. 18.

The Anchor Line steamer Asia left here for Bombay this morning.

COLOMBO, DEC. 19.

Mail steamer Habsburg from Australia arrived.

COMMERCIAL NEWS.

LONDON, DEC. 18.

The Liverpool Cotton Market closed quiet. Surats quiet.

Good Dholleral .....4 1-16.
The Manchester Market has been steady.

Exchange on India 30 days' sight.	1s. 6¼d.
2½ per cent. Consols for account...	95⅛ ex.
3 per cent. French Rentes	95
4 per cent. Rupee Paper	81⅞
4½ per cent. "	84⅛
3½ per cent. Sterling Loan.....	107¼
Bar Silver	49⅛

The Bank of England Returns for the week ending yesterday show the following results:—Total bullion, £24,400,000, decrease, £400,000; public deposits, £4,400,000, increase, £500,000; other deposits, £33,200,000, decrease, £600,000; other securities, £28,600,000, decrease £1,200,000; notes and gold, £16,800,000, decrease, £200,000. The Bank's reserve is 44 per cent. of the liabilities.

THERMOMETER READINGS.

THURSDAY NIGHT, DECEMBER 18.

10 p.m.	72·8

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19.

6 a.m...	69·4
10 a.m...	74·8
2 p.m...	79·4
4 p.m...	79·5

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THE PARNELL CAMPAIGN.

LONDON, Dec. 19.

Mr. Parnell briefly addressed a meeting near Kilkenny yesterday with his eyes bandaged.

FRIGHTFUL RAILWAY ACCIDENT IN CANADA.

News of a frightful railway accident has been received from Canada. The express from Halifax to Montreal was yesterday derailed and precipitated from a bridge opposite Quebec. Twenty of the passengers were killed on the spot and one hundred injured.

A NEW AFRICAN COMPANY.

The *Pall Mall Gazette* states that Portugal is disposed to grant a concession to a company with a capital of one million sterling to take over Manica, Sofala, Tete, and Quillimane on a lease of ninety-nine years.

It is believed that the capital will be found in Germany.

DEATH OF SIR EDMUND WHITMORE.

LONDON, Dec. 19.

General Sir Edmund Whitmore, K.C.B., who died last Monday, was buried yesterday, at Brompton Cemetery. There was a great assemblage of Generals present at the funeral, besides representatives from H. R. H. the Prince of Wales and the Duke of Cambridge.

THE RAILWAY ACCIDENT IN CANADA.

The details received of the railway accident near Quebec are conflicting, and it is now hoped that the number of killed do not exceed ten. The train was overthrown on a bridge which spans a street at St. Joseph, and a part only fell over on to the road below.

THE BLACK MOUNTAIN EXPEDITION.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

CALCUTTA, Dec. 19.

It is now absolutely certain that an expedition starts shortly for the Black Mountains. No details have yet been arranged, nor has it transpired who will command, but it is settled that all the troops engaged for the expedition will be supplied by Punjab.

COLONEL HARRIS INDISPOSED.

Colonel Harris, Deputy Adjutant-General, is seriously indisposed.

THE KHYBER RIFLE OFFICERS.

A party of native officers of the Khyber Rifles, who were invited to Calcutta by H. E. the Viceroy, arrived to-day, and will be the guests of Government.

LADY LANSDOWNE'S DRAWING-ROOM.

Lady Lansdowne's drawing-room last night was very numerously attended. At the close all the ladies were entertained in the ball-room of Government House by H. E. the Viceroy and Lady Lansdowne.

SIR CHARLES ELLIOTT AND THE WESLEYANS.

Sir Charles Elliott, who was accompanied by Lady Elliott, presided yesterday evening at the opening of the Wesleyan Mission Bazaar, and received an address from that mission. In replying he expressed his large-hearted sympathy to that body of Christians and congratulated them on the good work the Society was doing in various parts of India.

THE CALCUTTA NAVAL VOLUNTEERS.

The local Naval Volunteers paraded yesterday with the Blue Jackets of the flagship Boadicea yesterday. The Gunnery Lieutenant of the s.s. Boadicea put them through mounting and dismounting gun drill, &c. At the conclusion of the parade Captain Curzon-Howe, who was present throughout, congratulated the Volunteers upon their efficiency.

THE CALCUTTA ARTILLERY VOLUNTEERS.

The Calcutta Volunteer Artillery-men go into camp for a week from to-morrow.

GAZETTE OF INDIA NOTIFICATIONS.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

CALCUTTA, Dec. 19.

Messrs. F. J. Campbell, W. V. Taylor, and F. Henvey are permitted to resign the Civil Service.

Sir Charles Crosthwaite's appointment and assumption of the Membership of the Viceregal Council has been announced; and Mr. Mackenzie's assumption of the Chief Commissionership in Burma has been confirmed.

Mr. R. J. Crosthwaite's appointment as Agent to the Governor-General, Central India, has been announced.

The services of the Rev. J. P. Dyer, Chaplain, Dugshai, have been replaced at the disposal of the Burma Government.

The services of the Rev. A. H. Finn, Burma Establishment, has been placed at the disposal of the Punjab Government.

Lieut. S. F. Bayley has been posted as Assistant to the Agent to the Governor-General, Rajputana.

A long list of titles and honorary distinctions of zemindars of the Madras Presidency have been published.

Messrs. E. H. Tuck and J. N. la Touche, Public Works, Bengal, have been transferred for employment to the Madras Railway Department.

Changes in several native regiments, as sanctioned by the Secretary of State, have appeared as a Government resolution.

THE SUPREME LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

CALCUTTA, Dec. 19.

At a meeting of the Viceregal Legislative Council, held to-day, nothing transpired beyond the introduction by the Hon. Sir D. M. Barbour of two bills—one to amend the Indian Merchants' Shipping Act of 1880 and the other to amend Act No. 10 of 1841 relating to registration of ships. The former has for its object the assimilation of Indian with English law in reference to fixing the position of maximum load-line on ships registered in India. The latter provides for an assimilation of rules here and at home for determining tonnage vessels registered in India.

THE HOME DEPARTMENT UNDER-SECRETARYSHIP.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

ALLAHABAD, Dec. 19.

Mr. P. G. Melitus, now in Assam, is mentioned as the probable Under-Secretary, Home Department, in succession to Mr. T. P. Hewett.

THE CHIEF SECRETARYSHIP OF BENGAL.

On best authority it is stated that Sir J. Ware Edgar will retain the appointment of the Chief Secretaryship of Bengal, unless his health fails.

THE CHOLERA EPIDEMIC.

The telegraph party, working between Kan and Haka have been suffering from the fever epidemic now raging on the Chittagong side.

DEATH OF MR. R. RECTOR.

Death from fever is reported of Mr. R. Rector, Sub-Assistant Superintendent, an officer of great energy and resource.

THE RAMSAY HOSPITAL.

The Government of these Provinces has just given Rs. 50,000 towards the construction and equipment of the Ramsay Hospital. The building is very rapidly pushed on by Mr. Holme.

CHANGES IN THE BENGAL INFANTRY.

Owing to impending reductions of four Hindustan Regiments, the following changes have been made in the Bengal Infantry:—The 27th Punjab Infantry proceeds from Bareilly to Jullunder instead of Jhelum; the 36th Sikhs, from Jullunder to Delhi; 18th Bengal Infantry, from Jubbulpore to Silchar, whence the 40th will be withdrawn, and broken up at Cawnpore; the 24th Punjabis, from Sialkote to Ferozepore; and the 35th Sikhs, from Ferozepore to Jhansi or Nowgong.

VANITY FAIR.

[FROM OUR LADY CORRESPONDENT.]

LONDON, Nov. 28.

"Pour les statues et pour les hommes, un piedestal est un petit espace, etroit et honorable, avec quatre precipices tout autour."—VICTOR HUGO.

Few perhaps but those who have themselves been set on high, realize how uncertain is the foothold, and how slippery are the side planes of the monuments on which we raise our deities and our heroes for worship and veneration. Looking back through the week, after the fumes and steam of the heated political atmosphere have passed away, is there anything to be seen but an empty pedestal, a fallen idol, and a shattered faith. Or has a modern Sampson, though shorn of his locks by another Delilah, exerted his strength for a supreme final effort and wrecked the edifice that sheltered him. To judge by the wild and distracted cries of the daily papers, and by the moans and lugubrious ravings of politicians, one would imagine that the present situation was perfectly without parallel—that wives had never been naughty, and that statesmen had always been wise—that, in fact, history had not, like the dull old thing she is, been constantly repeating herself over and over again since the descendants of Noah increased and multiplied and spread themselves over the broad face of the globe.

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But when now and again there rise up from our midst these extravagantly anguished lamentations, one must look deeper than current events for their cause. Mr. George R. Sims, in his Zigzag Papers, supplies an explanation which seems valid enough to account for many things hitherto a mystery to us. He has discovered the existence in England of climatic insanity. He says: "What the east wind is to Londoners, the sirocco is to Africa. It produces that irritation of the nervous system which causes men and women to disregard the voice of reason and to fly to extremes." If the climate of Algeria, according to Dr. Boehidon, incites to violence and ferocity, except in people of the Calvinist or Puritan persuasion, Mr. Geo. R. Sims deduces that the climate of Dark Africa accounts for the deeds which made it darker still, and in like manner the climate of England may be charitably supposed to account for many of the deeds that are done in our own clime and which fill the world with wonder. "The climate of England may surely," continues Mr. G. Sims, "have its victims as well as the climate of Africa. The madness may be there, only the symptoms may be different. A damp climate does not send you mad in the same way as a dry one. If a bright mental atmosphere comes from a bright physical one, may not a foggy and a gloomy mental atmosphere arise from a foggy and gloomy physical atmosphere?" French writers have for years insisted that the perfidious sons of Albion committed suicide in battalions in the month of November, and Mr. Sims quotes from a treatise on England and the English written by a Parisian who had studied our manners and customs exhaustively during one whole fortnight. According to this student it is, because of our sufferings from a malady called "le spleen" that we English indulge in so many vagaries abhorrent to the French ideal, and it is a well-known fact in France, he says, that an English Milor when suffering from "le spleen" would hang himself from a nail driven into the wall of his own drawing-room in very wantonness.

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Though we may question the accuracy of that statement about our suicidal battalions in November; and though we may look vainly for the English Milor who is not only so inartistic, but so ethereal as to be able to hang from a nail in his drawing-room, we must plead guilty to being possessed of something which answers to the Frenchman's description of "le spleen." It is something like "le spleen" which accounts for the intensified misery that we go through on the smallest provocation. "Le spleen" is the source from which rises most of our national melancholy forebodings. "Le spleen" may be charged with the cowardice to grapple with a bogie man that exists only in the popular imagination. "Le spleen" is, in fact, the inspirer of those columns of groans, those pages of rant that our hydra-headed press emits on every available occasion. "Le spleen" like "la grippe" is very severe while the fit lasts, but its attacks, if sharp, are short. In a week or two, our politicians and our press will have cleared away the *débris* of the shattered monument—the broken idol will be replaced by a brand new image, or repaired, whitewashed, and temporarily restored to its pedestal; the chorus of worshippers will be as full and vigorous as ever, and everything according to the oracles of the Strand. Fleet Street will denote the stability, peace, and prosperity of the Empire. History repeats itself, my brethren—we know what is coming—for we were not born yesterday.

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If such a thing were possible as to temporarily efface ourselves—to hibernate like the mole, or to withdraw for a season from business like the ant, how gladly would we Londoners avail ourselves of the privilege, during the month of November. Though I scoffed at the French account of our committing suicide in battalions, I could easily excuse anyone for taking what we call French leave of the world if we are to be treated to a continuance of fogs, snow, and north-east winds. It is "le spleen," you will say, that prevents those Cockneys from enjoying the snow—the beautiful snow of the poets—the soft, white downy snow of the novel writer—the radiant, glorified snow of the painter—the snow that in Anglo-Indian eyes looks so lovely and feels so refreshing because it is so far off.

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Yes, there's the rub; it is everything that is delightful, when it is in the distance. I could sing of the snow with a poet's tongue and write in rapture about it with the pen of a novelist, and paint it glowingly with an artist's brush and revel in its freshness and beauty with all the enthusiasm of an Anglo-Indian—if it were on the Himalyas say—or on the Caucasus or even in Switzerland. But, alas! for the piebald splendour of snow-covered London. I cannot find voice to chant its beauties—my efforts only result in a chattering of teeth and a shudder. It is no doubt "le spleen," or what Mr. G. R. Sims would call a moral mildew resulting from the perpetual dampness of the atmosphere, that attacks us natives of London and keeps us from appreciating its advantages. Our lot would perhaps be too enviable if there were not occasionally a pea soup fog, or a smut and snowstorm to modify it.

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There is a very interesting and novel picture show at the Fine Art Society, Bond Street—the works of a Japanese painter who died about forty years ago. He is said to have been the principal exponent of the popular, in contra-distinction to the Academic, schools in Japan, and his subjects are delightfully treated, showing a delicacy and grace as well as a keen sense of the numerous and the decorative feeling usual in Japanese work.

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The painter Ho Kussi, to judge by what he said of himself, was not a person of too impatient a disposition. He did not show the insane haste to be famous that is characteristic of our later nineteenth century artists. He said: "I am dissatisfied with everything that I produced before the age of seventy. It was at the age of seventy-three that I had nearly mastered the real nature of form of birds, fish, plants, &c., consequently at the age of eighty, I shall have made real progress; at ninety I shall have got to the bottom of things; at one hundred I shall have attained to a decided higher level which I cannot define; and at the age of one hundred and ten, every dot and every line from my brush will be alive." In spite of his enthusiasm, I fear the clever old artist did not realize his dream of producing living dots and lines at the age of one hundred and ten. But he is a grand example of persevering hopefulness to be followed by our flippant *fin de siecle* generation.

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The Grosvenor Club members mustered strong on Wednesday, the literary profession being specially well represented. The rooms were, as usual, brilliantly lighted and decorated and the ladies' dresses as gay and various as usual. Mrs. Reeves (Helen Mathers) appeared in an Empire gown of white satin, John Strange Winter in a black dress, with brilliant beaded trimmings, and Mrs. Walford in bronze velvet and aquamarines. Lady Randolph Churchill as usual wore black, Lady Seton also looked well in black, and Lady Mary Lloyd wrapped in a white fur cloak and with a diamond tiara illumined the horizon for a short time towards the end of the night. The Russian musician Stanislaus Padlewski was the lion of the night. He is famous for being concerned in the execution of General Selwerskoff in Russia, as well as for his wonderful talents as a pianist. With a striking foreign face Padlewski has remarkable auburn hair. His admirable rendering of Rubenstein's Barcarolle in F. was applauded to the echo. Miss Ella Russell was another contributor to the programme, and a boy Jean Gerardy played the violin with great execution and taste. There were several clergymen among the audience, which was indeed representative of all classes. Lady Hart, Lady Godolphin Osborne, Sir Lyon and Lady Playfair, the Duchess of Manchester, Lady Macgregor, Sir Lepel and Lady Griffin, Lord Kenmare, Lord Dunraven, and Mr. Phil Morris were among those present.

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The Universal Review contains this month a long article by the editor, Mr. Harry Quilter, on "Mr. H. M. Stanley, as Leader and Comrade," and in neither capacity has the writer much good to say of him. He likens Mr. Stanley in respect of the style of his writings to "King Cambyses," and in the Bartlelot-Jameson controversy is altogether on the side of the deceased Englishman as against Mr. Stanley.

A curious case is occupying the attention of an eye physician in Berlin. A Government official suddenly fell ill with ophthalmia, and a specialist was called in. The physician came to the conclusion that the sickness had been communicated to his patient and asked the latter whether he had recently been in the society of any person suffering from disease of the eyes. Thinking for a moment, the patient replied that one evening, while at the theatre, he sat next to a lady who appeared to him to be suffering from an affection of the eyes, and that she had borrowed his opera glasses.

IS THE TRIPLE ALLIANCE A GUARANTEE OF PEACE?

[FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.]

ROME, Nov. 20.

The question of questions, with those looking forward to the well-nigh certain success of Signor Crispi at the elections now at hand, is this pregnant one:—"Does the Triple Alliance, which the elections will confirm and consolidate, mean peace?" To this question I received from all who wish well to Signor Crispi the assurance:—"Yes; the Triple Alliance means peace. Germany has nothing further to gain by war; Austria everything to lose; with whom is Italy to go to war? She has no desire to fight with France?" The reply was satisfactory enough, but when it was supplemented by other considerations which are always in the back ground the optimism of the assurance became apparent.

THE FINANCIAL CONDITION OF ITALY.

It is very freely confessed by every Italian with whom I came in contact that the enormous financial burdens weighing upon Italy can not be borne indefinitely. The resources of the country are drying up; taxes have shown a diminution in the receipts; clear evidence that the breaking strain has been nearly reached. The six Provincial Banks, or at all events some of them, are in a precarious condition, and the National Bank of Italy—the analogue of the Banks of England and of France, has been so often drawn upon by the Government to make good the ever-increasing deficit—which now exceeds eighty millions of francs, that there is widespread anxiety as to the ultimate result. It is believed by those in a position to know what is going on that Signor Crispi availed himself of the opportunity accorded by the visit of Von Caprivi to Milan to point out the serious, embarrassment resulting from the increase in military and naval armaments and the acceleration of the construction of strategic railways pressed on King Humbert by the Emperor William. The necessity for lightening the pressure on the failing financial resources of the country has become so obvious, that it is almost certain that the President of the Council has suggested this aspect of the case to the representative of the exacting Kaiser, with a view to moderate the pace.

SIGNOR CRISPI'S APOLOGIA.

In his speech at Turin, delivered last evening, Signor Crispi complained that his administration has been denounced to the country and to the foreigner as aggressive alike in Europe and in Africa, but he contended with great warmth that all the efforts and sacrifices that had been made were necessary to secure peace while maintaining the rightful position of Italy amongst her European compeers. The tendency of most of them, he very fairly pointed out, is to close their frontiers to foreign produce and manufactures, while securing abroad an outlet for the superabundant population. He was not responsible for the occupation of Massowah, but it was necessary to make position there secure, and this has been done at small cost, and he promises that the colonial policy will be kept within bounds, forming as it does but a small part of the Italian life. He characterises as "atrocious" the allegation that the Ministry is preparing the country for new and perilous adventures. He argues that in the present condition of Europe a policy of isolation would entail the necessity of trebling the strength of the army and multiplying the great fortresses, pleading that by joining the alliance of the Central Powers it has been possible to keep the armaments within bounds, without hazarding the independence of the country. The cost of modern armaments even when insufficient, is strikingly shown by Signor Crispi's figures in this remarkable apologia. From 1866 to 1870 an "inopportune economy" caused the Government to be taken by surprise in 1870; when it was seen that defeat in war meant dismemberment and an indemnity of milliards, it was resolved to arm on an adequate scale, at whatever cost. The task was only partially achieved in 1882. The expenditure on Italian armaments up to 1886 amounted to the enormous figure of £200,000,000 sterling without counting the £17,000,000 expended on the navy. In 1887 it was found that all this money would be simply wasted if the preparations were not brought up to the level of the other military States. For the previous expenditure Signor Crispi's government is certainly not accountable, and the one defence of his policy is that in joining the alliance of the Central Powers has limited the heavy expenditure by which alone Italy can hope to obtain security against foreign aggression.

THE INDICTMENT OF HIS POLICY.

The Minister's Italian critics, none of whom, fortunately for him, have the authority and standing which he possesses, insist upon certain points which are ignored in this view of the necessities. Since Crispi came into power he steadily opposed the Colonial policy and strongly disapproved of the occupation of Massowah; but he has changed the occupation of a seaport for purposes of trade into a protectorate over Abyssinia, which may at any moment involve Italy in operations as costly and unremunerative as the French occupation of Algeria. They maintain that by his persistence in the war of tariffs with France he has deprived Italy of her best and indeed her only market for agriculture produce. Italian trade has decreased to an alarming extent, having fallen from two thousand seven hundred millions of francs in 1887 to two thousand and sixty-six millions, the exports having fallen below their lowest since 1870. The French market for Italian wines has been lost, the French having turned their attention to Algiers and Tunis for new vineyards instead of getting wine from Italy. It is further urged that by his ostentatious and defiant foreign policy he has estranged France to a dangerous extent, and has entered into a competition in armaments with France, which her fertile soil, her manufactures, and her large trade can support, but which are ruining Italy, and cannot be maintained indefinitely by their present precarious and artificial level.

WILL THE ALLIANCE ENDURE?

The treaty which binds Italy to the Alliance of the Central Powers expires in the year 1892. Will it be then renewed? Many things may happen in the mean time, but if Signor Crispi be still the guiding spirit of Italian policy it is probable that the intimate relations now subsisting between the Three Powers will not then be brought to a term. The danger which is the justification of the Alliance will be augmented rather than diminished. For one thing the reorganisation of the Russian Army will by that time be completed. The French have undertaken to supply the Northern Power with the Lebel-repeating rifle, and the smokeless powder, the secret of which the German Government is so anxious to procure. It is to be noted that the French while making a contract to supply a million of these rifles decline to bind themselves to fulfil the contract within a certain limit of time, evidently fearing the possible outbreak of war in the immediate future. The Lebel is a magazine rifle, firing eight consecutive shots, or one at a time like the ordinary rifle, as may be expedient. It is supposed to be—the most perfect weapon now in the hands of any Continental army. Russia has within the last few years succeeded very well in the arduous, and to outsiders the apparently hopeless, work of reorganising her finances. When the reorganization of her army, which has been in progress for more than a year, is completed two years hence, she will be prepared for eventualities. France, at the present moment, has her army reconstituted and outnumbering that of Germany, her arsenals full, and eighty millions sterling in the strong rooms of the Bank of France.

THE NAVIES OF THE RIVAL POWERS.

There is the question of the balance of strength at sea. A French critic has with great candour pointed out to the Chamber of Deputies that during the last seven years the balance of naval strength has been dangerously shifted by the resolution with which the Powers constituting the Triple Alliance have laboured to increase their respective navies. All three have not been able to expend sums equalling those which France has lavished, but the results obtained, by a better system, and greater attention to economy, have far exceeded those achieved by the French Admiralty. The Triple Alliance can dispose of fleets much stronger in the aggregate than that of France; to say nothing of the British navy, which will in certain circumstances support the Alliance.

THE STANDING TEMPTATION TO ITALY.

This naval superiority might be decisive if the numerical superiority of combined fleets could be counted on to make itself felt as against an enemy who is able to concentrate without taking thought of the jealousies or necessities of allies who do not always see things eye to eye. But in any case it is a factor which is not lightly to be overlooked by either France or Russia. Both those Powers are displaying as much zeal in strengthening their navies as in augmenting their land armaments. In two or three years they may hope to have overtaken the Triple Alliance on the seas. Indeed it is very doubtful whether the numerical naval superiority of the Three Powers as against France, would not disappear if the Russian fleet were to act with the French. There exists a tacit understanding by which the English Mediterranean fleet would secure Italy from invasion by sea, and the immense and very vulnerable sea-board of the Peninsula and Sicily and Sardinia against menace or attack. This understanding will last, no doubt, while the Salisbury Ministry continues in office, or is of its present mind, but it is not likely to be perpetual. Lord Randolph Churchill's declaration that the English Minister who made war in the Mediterranean in the interest of the Central Powers would be "insane," may be an expression of personal opinion, but it is at all events an indication that disapproval of Lord Salisbury's attitude in regard to the Triple Alliance is not confined to the Liberal Party in England. That attitude is unquestionally regarded in many quarters as an encouragement, perhaps an undesigned encouragement, to Signor Crispi to play a bold and even a desperate game. From the time of the Crimean War, Italy has been conspicuously successful in getting other Powers to pull her chestnuts out of the fire; dexterously playing upon their mutual jealousies and profiting by sacrifices altogether out of proportion to her own. It would be a master stroke to precipitate a collision between the Triple Alliance, sustained by the support, moral or actual, of Great Britain, while the Russian armament is incomplete. Such a *coup* would not transcend in audacity and in the quality of unexpectedness, the overthrow of the Bourbon monarchy by an improvised insurrection which furnished a sufficient justification for the expedition of The Thousand of Marsala. It would not require any greater display of ingenuity than that which sufficed Prince Bismarck who brought about the Franco-German war at the very moment when peace seemed assured, by sending a carefully-prepared paragraph to a newspaper describing an insult to King William and a slight to the French Ambassador which were purely imaginary. I am far from desiring to attribute to the Italian Prime Minister any design of emulating the example of the Iron Chancellor, or of beating his own record. He is doubtless quite sincere in the reiterated declarations that the object of the Triple Alliance is to secure peace, and not to wage aggressive war. Even the most heroic may well pause before crying havoc and letting slip the dogs of war at an epoch like the present, when whole nations take the field, and to be beaten is to be overwhelmed. The recognition of the frightful peril to the vanquished is not the least of the influences promising a continuance of the armed truce which is trying the stamina of the Continental nations.

REASONS THAT MAKE FOR PEACE.

As matters stand Germany has nothing to gain by war, and Austria has everything to lose. But the temptation to Italy to abridge the period of costly preparation, the strain of which she can scarcely support, and put all to the arbitrament of force, is very great. The chief stress of a Continental war would devolve upon her allies, one of her possible antagonists is not yet ready and is at any rate distant, while the other must think more of the Seine and the Marne than of the Alps. But there is a point of view very reassuring for those who hope for peace. The recent lavish and most unwelcome addition to an expenditure already nearly unsupportable was in a manner enforced by the urgency with which the Emperor William insisted on the necessity of, first, completing without delay the strategic railways, so that the army might be concentrated on threatened points; secondly, on bringing the army up to the latest standard of military efficiency, and, thirdly, on strengthening the fleet so as to be in a position to prevent the descent of an invading force on the coast to compel the three hundred thousand men co-operating with the allies to be withdrawn to defend Central or Southern Italy. The deficiencies dwelt upon by the Kaiser have not as yet been wholly made good. The difficulty of concentration must always be very great in a country intersected with mountains separating province from province; the cost of constructing railways on an adequate scale is enhanced by the multiplicity of tunnels, which besides constitute a danger in themselves or an active and not overscrupulous enemy might find means to block or blow up, and thus isolate a region marked out for attack. The strength of the Italian navy, from the conditions of the defence, of the first importance has been largely augmented. Up to 1881, the annual outlay on the navy was less than two millions, and it is now nearly five millions sterling. But the navy is not yet sufficiently powerful to defend unaided the Italian seas against a French fleet.

THE ENGLISH FACTOR.

The co-operation of England is therefore a matter of the first necessity if Italy is to come unscathed out of a war with France and Russia. This consideration is one of great moment. There are very solid grounds for hoping that the apprehensions—apprehensions by no means simulated—of sudden complications leading to war will not be realised. Signor Crispi is not a man to run blindly to a policy of adventure. He is, perhaps by reason of his Greek lineage, cool and calculating in his most impetuous moods. Even a more reassuring factor is the presence of Lord Dufferin and Ava in Rome, as the representative of the one Power which can alone safeguard Italy from the danger which chiefly menaces her in the event of war—that of being cut in two by the disembarkation of a French army on her exposed sea-board. The experience of Continental politics acquired by your late Viceroy in Russia and at Constantinople, must prove of the utmost value to the Ambassador who has been selected by Lord Salisbury to draw closer the many ties of interest and sympathy which happily exist between Great Britain and Italy as Mediterranean Powers. Where Lord Dufferin's influence can make itself felt, there is a reasonable guarantee that the counsels of prudence and good-sense will be heard in time on the one hand, or to vet the governance other.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF ON TOUR.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

JAMNAGAR, Dec. 18.

On the 14th instant his Excellency Sir George Greaves and Staff left Rajkote in the morning for Nowanagar by carriage dak, and arrived at the latter place at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. His Highness the Jam Sahib of Nowanagar and suite met his Excellency two miles outside the town, and drove him to the house set apart for his Highness's guests. Here luncheon was served. In the evening the Jam Sahib entertained Sir George and party at dinner, prior to which there was a smart display of fireworks in honor of the Commander-in-Chief's visit. Before taking friendly leave of his guests, his Highness distributed attar and pan.

On the 15th instant, Sir George Greaves and party left Bedi Bunder, at 4 o'clock, in the morning, crossing over to Mandir in a steam launch. Mandir was reached at 10 a.m. Here Sir George and party breakfasted at the Residency, and immediately afterwards set out on the journey to Bhuj, about 40 miles distant, travelling in special dak carriages kindly provided by his Highness the Rao of Cutch. The party reached Bhuj at 4-30 p.m., being met, on arrival there, by Colonel Salmon, the Political Agent, whose guest the Chief was during his stay here. His Highness the Rao of Cutch, accompanied by his brother and the Dewan, paid a friendly visit to the Commander-in-Chief soon after his Excellency arrived at Bhuj.

The following morning, 16th instant, Sir George Greaves inspected the 14th Regiment, Bombay Infantry, commanded by Colonel C. J. S. Cahill. The regiment marched-past very well indeed, and subsequently went through a few other movements. The parade over, the Chief visited the hospital, the new and old lines, the ranges, and the fort. That same morning the shed and stables for the Government horses were also visited, and at half-past 3 o'clock in the afternoon Sir George Greaves returned the Rao of Cutch's visit. Subsequently, his Excellency, accompanied by his Staff and Colonel Cahill, drove to the State paddocks, where some 200 promising young stock for remount purposes were inspected. In the evening his Highness the Rao invited a large party to dinner "to meet his Excellency the Commander-in-Chief" at the palace. The arrangements for the dinner were all that could be desired. The Rao proposed the Chief's health in a few well-chosen words, and expressed the great pleasure he felt in welcoming Sir George to his capital; he also pointed to the practical advantages gained by all the places and garrisons visited by visits of inspection by such high officials. The toast was loyally drunk.

In responding to the toast of his health, Sir George alluded to his personal friendship with his loyal host, and acknowledged, not only the great kindness which had been shown him personally, but also the kindness which the Rao had continually shown to the officers of the garrison. Sir George warmly thanked the Rao for the hospitality the latter had shown him.

The next morning, 17th instant, the Commander-in-Chief and party, accompanied by Colonel Salmon, did a few hours' shooting on the return journey to Mandir, making a good bag of small game. In the evening Sir George and Staff dined at the Residency at Mandir, and this morning (18th instant) they crossed over to Mandir. Bedi Bunder was reached at 5 p.m. Here the Chief was very kindly received by his Highness the Jam Sahib and his son, and a guard-of-honour. A salute was also fired on the occasion. After dinner, Sir George Greaves left for Rajkote by carriage dak.

It is worth while noting, in connection with Dr. Koch's discovery, the illustration it affords of the rapid progress of medical science. Only a few years ago no agent was known that would kill the bacilli of tuberculosis. That is to say, a poison administered would kill the animal affected, but it would leave unharmed the bacilli that were preying on its organism. The next step in advance was the discovery of an agent that killed the micro-organisms, whilst also destroying the life of the animal affected. The crowning step, which has brought medical science to the goal sought, has now been taken by Dr. Koch in his discovery of a lymph that, whilst killing the bacilli, preserves the suffering subject alive.

The Princess Wilhelmina, upon whose bright head lies the shadow of the crown of Holland, has just completed her tenth year. She is a pretty, merry child. Under her mother's supervision her education has been conducted by a French and an English governess, and she is said to speak both languages. It is curious that the little Princess has not as yet been taught German. The child rises at seven, and goes to her mother's rooms. At eight the Royal family breakfasts. The Princess studies till eleven, then her mother takes her and reads to her, with explanations, a chapter of the Bible, after which the child plays. In the afternoon, after lunch, come more lessons and play Driving her carriage, to which six ponies are harnessed two abreast, or sailing in her boat on the lake, are the Princess's favourite recreations.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

The Chamber of Commerce in a letter to Government in the Public Works (railway) Department, on the subject of Feeder Railways in Guzerat, expresses its regret that Government has not been able to formulate and lay down plainly the conditions under which it is prepared to sanction the construction of those feeder lines. The Chamber places little reliance on local boards originating schemes, and trusts Government will decide on taking advantage of the moderate terms offered by the B. B. and C. I. Railway Company for working feeder lines in connection with their system and determine to commence such railways, guaranteeing from provincial revenues the interest on capital borrowed for the Imperial Government. The Chamber impresses upon Government the desirability of commencing at once the survey of the branch from Manmar to Nandobar.

His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, Bombay, will arrive at Church Gate Street Station at 6-35 a.m. on the 22nd instant, and proceed direct to the Cooperage. His Excellency will be received at the Cooperage by a Guard of Honour of the Gloster Regiment (100 rank and file regimental color and band) and by Heads of Departments and all officers in the garrison. A salute of 15 guns to be fired from the saluting battery to announce his Excellency's arrival. The Marine Battalion will furnish a guard of one havildar, one naik, one drummer, 12 privates, and six orderlies to mount at the Cooperage at 6 a.m.

To the honour of the India Council, writes the *Pioneer*, be it said, about the first man to come forward in the late monetary crisis, with an offer of half a million towards the Baring Guarantee Fund, was Mr. Bertram Currie on behalf of the banking firm of which he is a member. About the last to join was the house of Rothschild, which was not the popular impression, but which is characteristic.

The Calcutta gold market was quiet on Tuesday, with a pretty general fall in prices. The rates were:—Dumra, As. 10; Sonapet, Rs. 1-4; Western Patkoom, As. 9; Pat-Pat, As. 14; Dhadka, As. 10; Bengal Gold and Silver, As. 7; Western Bengal Prospecting Company, As. 12; Sonakhan, As. 8; Eastern Ranchi, nominal; Lohardagga, As. 12.

Mr. Parnell is reported to have slightly recovered from the effects of the injury to his eyes.

A terrible railway accident is reported from America, in which twenty persons were killed and a hundred injured.

According to the *Pall Mall Gazette*, a Portuguese Company is to be formed to take over Portuguese East African territory.

Regarding the underground remains found at Sultan Sarai, Lahore, recently, some of the oldest residents of the locality report that they have heard that, about 100 years ago, a fine temple stood on the plot of land which is being excavated, and consider that the remains now excavated may be the remnants of the temple.

The Madras Catholic Union recently forwarded a memorial addressed to the Marquis of Salisbury, the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, praying for the abolition of the Ecclesiastical Patronage of the King of Portugal in India, and particularly for redress in connection with the grievances of the Catholics of the Archdiocese of Madras in regard to the Adyar Orphanage in the St. Thome Diocese, which is subject to the jurisdiction of the Bishop of Mylapore, though it belongs to the Archdiocese. The memorial is signed by Messrs. Abrose and Phillips as honorary secretaries of the Union. The Government of Madras has forwarded the memorial to England without any remarks.

The 2nd Battalion of the 4th Gurkhas are to be kept for a month at Haka and Fort White after the arrival of the 2-3rd Gurkhas, so as to permit of columns being sent out to visit the Kanhow country, which has not yet been reduced to a proper state of subordination. The Kanhows have to be thoroughly punished for their attack on Yetsagyo, and this only can be done by two or three columns moving simultaneously upon their villages. The outbreak of fever at Haka has prevented the Chins in the Thetla district from receiving the attention which they have courted. Their villages are only a few miles off the road between Haka and Kan, and the headmen will have to explain to the Political Officer, backed by 200 or 300 Gurkhas, the petty raid near the latter place. On the Chittagong side it seems that the frontier police may, after all, be able to hold the posts without military assistance. The two companies of the 18th Bengal Infantry, who were to have been sent to Chittagong, have been detained for the present, pending arrangements for the relief of the Chin Hills Expedition.

Among the reasons suggested for the backwardness of Punjabi zemindars in demanding *takavi* advances, correspondents who have district experience incline to think that the real reason is the barrier of red-tape in the way of the cultivator who is anxious to get a *takavi* advance. As a rule, writes a local paper, the cultivator is more or less in a hurry to start his operations for sinking a well, &c., in time for the next crops. If he approaches Government, he has first to make friends with three or four munshis. He must coax the *akhund* at the tahsil, who will otherwise delay in writing the usual report for the tahsildar. Again, when the tahsildar has sent up the report for sanction to the Deputy Commissioner, the papers have to pass through three or four different hands, and the palms of these sometimes suffer from an itch which prevents them from forwarding the paper until the itch is removed by silver coins. So the poor zemindar, who has to knock about from place to place, and cannot get the advance from Government without pleasing so many men, he thinks that perhaps, after all, the money-lender is the best man. The usurer meets him with a grin, gives him *roti*, and forthwith lends him the money and makes but one record in his book, and wants but only one document to be executed. The consequence may be serious hereafter, but the present wants of the cultivator are so smoothly supplied that, being not over-wise, he is tempted. In short, there is too much of red-tape between the zemindar and the help generously offered by the Government.

A great man is amongst us, and yet Madras knows it not. "Sequah, the American Medicine Man," whose name has been drawing immense crowds at Bristol, Bath, Scarborough, Edinburgh and other large towns in Great Britain, has arrived, and in a few weeks when his band and his waggon and his medicines have come out, he intends to perform *coram populo* some of those miraculous cures which even the sedate *Spectator* was moved to comment upon in one of its recent issues. A gentleman who recently saw "Sequah" in Bath, informs us that the great medicine man gave no less than £1,000 to a local hospital before leaving that city.

On Sunday evening a very serious collision occurred to the only pilot brig now at the Calcutta station. From telegrams first received it appeared that the ship Maulesden was making for the pilot brig at about 7 p.m., when by some mistake she collided with the brig, and partly dismasted her. Happily no lives were lost and the hull of the brig was not injured.

Arrangements are in progress to despatch 600 Darjeeling coolies from Calcutta to Burma, so as to arrive at Kalewa on the 20th instant. These will be utilised in carrying loads and in road-making during the approaching operations in the Chin country.

The steamer Clan Macpherson took Colombo by surprise on the 6th instant by putting in an appearance off the harbour 36 to 48 hours in advance of the time fixed by the Colombo agent and everybody else for her arrival. She had made a splendid passage of only 11½ days from Suez and 24½ days from Liverpool.

Mahomed Fehmy Pasha, one of the Egyptian exiles in Ceylon, is translating the "History of the World" into Arabic. He has done about three-fourths of the work, which he commenced about two years ago, and about the middle of next year it will be complete. He intends to have it published with his other translations, among the latter being a Buddhist catechism and a metaphysical work. The Pasha spends nearly all his time engaged in literary work. As a student in Sinhalese, Tamil, and Hindustani, Fehmy Pasha has done marvellously well.

Major-General R. C. Stewart, C.B., A.D.C., Commanding the Burma District, who has been on a tour of inspection to Fort White, accompanied by Colonel A. B. Morgan, C.B., the Assistant Adjutant-General, and Lieutenant Campbell, A.D.C., returned to Rangoon shortly. Major Sewell, the Deputy Assistant Adjutant-General of the Burma District, has been conducting the ordinary official routine at Rangoon.

A new adulterant for flour has been invented in Delaware. It is simply pulverised wood. White beech trees are used. The bark is peeled off and the logs put on a carriage, which forces them against a cutting machine shaped like a pencil sharpener, except that it has five or six knives instead of one. These knives revolve at the rate of from 200 to 300 revolutions a minute, and the log is soon cut into fine shavings. After

THE SOCIAL CONFERENCE.

THE following are the letters which have been addressed to the President of the Congress and Secretaries of the Social Conference Committee respectively:—

To, the President, Sixth Indian National Congress, Calcutta.

SIR,—Some of the people attending the National Congress, who have little regard for their own religion, have for the last three or four years commenced to hold meetings under the denomination of Social Conference in the Congress pavilion against the Hindu religious customs and create discontent and disquietude in the minds of the people by applying for legislative interference therein.

2. As this practice is likely to be prejudicial to the Congress by creating differences between the so-called reformers and those who are proud of their ancient religious customs, we beg you will not allow the Social Conference to be held in the Congress pavilion, and thus avoid a misunderstanding that the Congress and Social Conference are one and the same thing.

3. In the petition which we have forwarded to his Excellency the Governor-General, requesting that there should not be any legislative interference with our social or religious customs, we have distinctly stated that the so-called reformers are not our recognised leaders in social or religious matters.

We therefore hope that you will give due consideration to our request and will favor us with a reply as what course you mean to pursue in connection with the matter.—We beg, &c.,

(Sd.) SADASHIVA SHASTRI THATTE,
President of the Hindu Meeting held in Poona in Murlidhar's Temple on 14th December 1890.

SIR,—In continuation of my previous circular of November last, I beg to inform you that a general meeting of the National Social Conference of this year will take place at Calcutta on 28th December 1890, in the Congress Hall, and I request that you will be good enough to attend the meeting, with such other gentlemen as may be delegated by your association to take part in the coming Conference. If you have not sent in your report, please forward the same to the address of Mr. M. G. Ranade at Poona. The substance of your report will have to be read at a preliminary meeting to be held one or two days before the public meeting of the 28th instant.

The following subjects will be taken up for consideration at the meeting of the Conference :—

(i) The desirability of fixing the minimum of marriageable age of Hindu girls and boys.

(ii) The desirability of the Conference affirming that a Hindu male, more than 50 years old, ought not to get himself married to a girl below 12 years of age.

(iii) Consideration of the Draft Bill to amend Act XXI. of 1860, prepared by the committee appointed at the last Conference for facilitating the registration of voluntary social reform organizations.

(iv) Reform in the law of the execution of decrees for the restitution of conjugal rights.

(v) Removal of hindrances in the way of the free admission into their castes of men who have undertaken distant sea voyages.

(vi) To lay down the lines of a national scheme of female education.

(vii) And such other subjects as may be selected at the preliminary meeting of the Conference.

I further request that you will take early steps to convene meetings in your province for appointing Delegates for the ensuing Conference and to communicate their names to me. The reply to this may be sent to the address of the Hon'ble Rao Bahadur M. G. Ranade up to the 23rd instant at Poona, and after that date to the care of the Hon'ble K. M. Nulkar, at Calcutta.

R. RAGHOONATH ROW,
General Secretary, National Social Conference.

THE WIDOW'S MISTAKE.

AT the Esplanade Police Courts yesterday, Walter Henry Watson, lately employed as the custodian of the Elephanta Caves, appeared before Mr. C. P. Cooper, Chief Presidency Magistrate, in answer to a summons taken out against him by his wife, Sarah Watson, charging him with assault and refusing to support her.

The complainant, who was a women well-advanced in years, told his Worship that she had put up with her husband's ill-treatment for 21 years, and had at last to her sorrow and grief been compelled to leave him, as he had threatened to pitch all her old boxes out of the place where they had been living. (Laughter.) Since then she had repeatedly asked him for assistance which he always refused her; and had it not been for the kindness of her friends, Mr. and Mrs. Swinden, who gave her both food and shelter, she would have had to starve. Not liking the idea of being a burden on their hospitality she took a room at Mazagon, for which she now owed seven months rent. Watson went on to say that her "dear husband" was in the habit of kicking her. When she first married him, she "was a fine and healthy widow;" but through his continual ill-treatment, her constitution had been ruined, and she was now suffering from bronchitis, palpitation of the heart, and a combination of complaints occasioned by a course of starvation and another of half-starvation at her husband's hands. (Laughter.) "Your Worship," continued Mrs. Watson, "I have a grown-up son, but for the kindness of the Swindons, I am sorry to say he is out of employ just now. But then the poor boy is doing his best to get a job and runs about daily to Conder's and the Loco. office—(laughter)—in search of a situation, while this man, (points to her husband) keeps us both without the means of getting food. He behaves shamefully to me, keeps me out of the house during the night, and pawns my clothes. Why, the whole of Mazagon is covered with my property, for I was doing very well before I missed him. (Laughter.) I had been for three years a widow and had been drawing a good pension and could have married many a good husband, for I had lots of chances. (Laughter.) But oh! I made a bad selection when I picked him out when two of his companies came to Colaba. (Renewed laughter.) Your Worship I am now almost helpless so I must have part of his pension.

The Magistrate: Cannot you come to some settlement with your husband?

Mrs. Watson: No. But I think it is only right that I should have some of his pension. He even begrudges giving his own son any money, and only the other day sold two of our chairs and kept the money. (Laughter.)

The Magistrate: Where are you living?

Mrs. Watson: Opposite the Prince's Dock; I am not living with my daughters who are married and reside at Poona and Howrah.

The Magistrate: Well, Mr. Watson, you have heard your wife's statement. What do you propose doing?

Mr. Watson hands a letter to his Worship and says: That paper contains my proposals; I do not want to say anything.

Mrs. Watson: No, you are quiet enough here, but you have enough to say at home. (Laughter.)

The Husband: Can I ask the Missus a question, your Worship?

The Magistrate: Yes, certainly.

The Husband: How much money did I give you in October? I think it was about Rs. 8 and Rs. 38?

The Wife: Indeed! Nothing of the sort. You were under suspension during that month. (Laughter.)

The Husband: Oh! All right! You know I don't want to run you down, I suppose, Missus?

The Wife: I think you'd better not. (Loud laughter.) Do you know that I have got hundreds of witnesses? I suppose you are aware that Rev. Squires is acquainted with my troubles? Oh! your Worship, I have been treated so badly.

The next witness called was Mrs. Lucy Price, who with a determined look stepped into the witness-box and said: Your Worship I saw Mr. Watson chase his wife about the house from morning till night, with a very big club, but did not see him strike her. (Laughter.)

Mrs. Elizabeth Francis was next called and stepping up said: I used to see Mrs. Watson crying frequently when she was living with her husband.

Mr. Cooper, addressing the complainant: These witnesses do not give evidence as to an assault.

Mrs. Watson, inquiringly: Can I bring more witnesses then, because I have hundreds of them?

The Husband, tauntingly: Why don't you say thousands of them, Missus, and have done with it. (Laughter.)

His Worship, addressing the complainant, said the only thing he could do was to advise her husband to live peacably with her. In the event of his ill-treating her she could again come to him and he would investigate the whole affair.

Mrs. Watson: I do not want to live with him. I ought to have left him years ago. Ever since he received his pension he has spent the whole of it in drink. Your Worship, he is quiet enough now, but God knows what he will do when he gets home. I know he will simply laugh at me. Your Worship, I would wish you would advise him to give me some of his pension or at least compel him to give back my things and my dress which he pawned the other day.

His Worship said that he could not interfere in the matter. He told her that no assault had been proved to have taken place, and he therefore discharged the case.

Mrs. Watson, after considerable persuasion, left the court, soliloquising that it was hard for her that she could not be entitled to a portion of her husband's pension.

WHEN the last Census was taken ten years ago, the population of Lower Burma numbered 3,653,629. Since then a great increase is known to have taken place among all classes of the population, first, by an increase of births over deaths, and, secondly, by immigration. The Health Officer of Rangoon has pointed out that, during the last five years alone, the figures of the port show that the population of the province has been increased by immigration, after deducting emigrants, by over 111,000. Considerable attention has been given to the registration of vital statistics during the last year or two; more particularly in towns, where the results are believed to be approximately accurate. Still there is much room for improvement, and that full advantage may be taken of the information afforded by the next census, all District and Municipal Health Officers have of late been urged to give very special personal attention to the accuracy of registration.

FLORILINE!—FOR THE TEETH AND BREATH.—A few drops of the liquid "Floriline" sprinkled on a wet tooth-brush produces a pleasant lather, which thoroughly cleanses the teeth from all parasites or impurities, hardens the gums, prevents tartar, stops decay, gives to the teeth a peculiar pearly whiteness, and a delightful fragrance to the breath. It removes all unpleasant odour arising from decayed teeth or tobacco smoke. The "Fragrant Floriline," being composed in part of honey and sweet herbs, is delicious to the taste, and the greatest toilet discovery of the age. Price 2s. 6d., of all Chemists and Perfumers throughout the world. Sold wholesale by the Anglo-American Drug Company, Limited, of Farringdon-road, London.

THE CORONER AND THE MAGISTRATE.

THE Hon. Mr. Justice Birdwood and the Hon. Mr. Justice Parsons, presiding at the High Court yesterday, resumed consideration of letters, dated the 3rd and 16th inst., from Mr. W. R. Hamilton, Second Presidency Magistrate, referring under section 432, Criminal Procedure Code, for the opinion of the High Court, a question whether, after a person has been committed to the Sessions Court by the Coroner of Bombay, a Magistrate can inquire into the same charge for the same purpose of commitment.

Mr. Hamilton, in his reference to the Court, stated that Mahomed Rajadin and Akbar were committed by the Coroner to the High Court on a charge of culpable homicide not amounting to murder, and Abdul Kurrim on a charge of causing death by a rash and negligent act. Mahomed, who was present at the Coroner's inquiry, was subsequently placed before Mr. Hamilton in the usual way by the police for the purpose of an inquiry into the charge and commitment to the High Court. Mr. Hamilton declined to make the enquiry on the ground that the accused had already been committed for trial. Mahomed and Abdul, who was afterwards arrested, were called up for trial at the last Sessions, but the case was traversed to the next Sessions, because Akbar had not been arrested. It was also remarked that the usual enquiry had not been made by the Magistrate. These two persons were, therefore, placed before Mr. Hamilton, but he was doubtful whether, after a person had been committed by the Coroner, he (the Magistrate) could enquire into the same charge for the same purpose of commitment. He was aware that it had been the practice for the Magistrate to make an enquiry followed the Coroner had committed the case; and he had followed the practice in many instances. A case, however, arose in 1889, in which the Coroner had committed a person against whom the Government Prosecutor did not think there were sufficient grounds for proceeding; and it was proposed to Mr. Hamilton to discharge the accused. On looking into the Coroner's Act he held that he had not the power to discharge him, and subsequently referred the point for the opinion of the High Court. An opinion was not given for the reason that Mr. Hamilton had already decided the case. In the present case, however, he had withdrawn his objection to enquire into the case, and had had the persons charged placed before him. It was, therefore, a suitable occasion on which to ask for the assistance and opinion of the High Court. Mr. Hamilton urged it was obvious that, after a case had been committed by the Coroner, it might lead to a conflict of orders if the Magistrate should take a different view from that of the Coroner. Not only was this a possible case, but it had occurred on more occasions than one. Then, the Coroner's Act was a special and local law, which was not affected by the Code (Section 1, Criminal Procedure Code); and there was no specific provision that, after a commitment by the Coroner, the case must be again enquired into and committed by a Magistrate. The Code did not originally apply to the High Court and to the presidency towns: and it was to these towns that the Coroner's duties are confined. When the Code was extended to the presidency towns, the Coroner's duties were left untouched, and his procedure was left unaffected by the saving clause in section 1. This procedure is regulated by the Consolidating Act of 1871, Act 4, and there is nothing in that Act, which requires the accused persons to be placed before a Magistrate for the purpose of commitment. The Act distinctly gives the Coroner a power of commitment and the subsequent proceedings must be regulated by the High Court. The Act is evidently framed on the principles and on the forms of a regular enquiry by a Magistrate. Evidence is given on oath before a jury who may question the witnesses, and evidence on behalf of the accused must also be received. Confessions also to a Coroner are to be considered as confessions to a Magistrate. The evidence is recorded in writing and submitted to the High Court, and the Coroner has also the power to arrest the accused after the verdict. There is nothing in the Act (Mr. Hamilton remarked) which makes the proceedings of the Coroner subject to the orders of the Magistrate, or which requires that the case must be again placed before a Magistrate for enquiry and commitment. It was obvious that, if such were the case, conflicts would arise between the Magistrate and the Coroner. On the other hand, technical defects may be amended by the High Court; and this power includes the amendment of the order of commitment. It appeared to Mr. Hamilton that the interference of the Magistrate was limited by the Act. Apparently the Coroner's Act specifically empowers the Coroner to commit certain cases; and historically this power was a relic of the large jurisdiction at one time held by that officer. After referring to certain legal principles, Mr. Hamilton observed that to require that an offender, who fled from justice should, after a Coroner's inquiry, be taken before a Magistrate for a second preliminary enquiry, more elaborate than the first, when witnesses were, perhaps, dead or dispersed, would be to give him greater advantages than those which he threw away. It would apparently have a tendency to encourage flight. Briefly, therefore, Mr. Hamilton considered that the Coroner is a Magistrate empowered to commit cases to the High Court; that he is not subordinate to the Presidency Magistrates; that his commitment can be dealt with by the High Court only; that the Presidency Magistrates have no power to enquire into cases committed by the Coroner; and that in cases of violent justice. Shortly, Mr. Hamilton was of opinion, it was both illegal and inexpedient for him to interfere with commitments made by the Coroner.

In a second letter of the 16th inst. Mr. Hamilton invited the attention of the Judges to the description of the office and duties of Coroners in Stephen's History of the Criminal Law, to the Indian Coroner's Act, &c. As a Magistrate, Mr. Hamilton begged leave merely to say what was the law and practice, subject to correction by the High Court, and for the rest to leave the matter in the hands of the Legislature.

Their Lordships passed the following order on the reference:—The Magistrate to be informed that, in the opinion of the High Court, he is not ousted of his jurisdiction because the Coroner has held an inquiry into the cause of death and drawn up an inquisition under Act 4 of 1871.

LICENSES FOR TEA AND SODAWATER SHOPS.

YESTERDAY, at the High Court, in the case of Imperatrix *vs.* Sherian Ardasir Erani and others, Mr. Justice Birdwood and Mr. Justice Parsons considered a reference made by Mr. W. R. Hamilton, Second Presidency Magistrate, for the opinion of the High Court, as to whether tea and sodawater shops required to be licensed as required by Section 2 of Bombay Police Act 48 of 1860.

Mr. Hamilton stated that the accused were charged before him with keeping tea and sodawater shops without a license from the Commissioner of Police, and the question was whether such shops required to be licensed. Under Act 14 of 1842, coffee-shops, eating-houses, and places of public resort required a license from the Court of Petty Sessions. The fees levied under the Act were applied, it seemed, towards keeping the town clean; and when a Municipality was established by Act 14 of 1856, the former Act was repealed. Neither by the new Act nor by any subsequent Municipal Act had the power to levy taxes on coffee-shops, &c., been revived. After referring to section 2 of the Police Act 48 of 1860, as applicable in Calcutta and Madras, and the separate clause of the same section applicable to Bombay, which is still in force, Mr. Hamilton remarked that there must have been a reason for this difference; and this reason, he thought, was that, in Bombay, coffee-houses, boarding houses, &c., were not required to be licensed since 1856, and the Police Act of 1860 did not revive the old practice. The grammatical construction of the words also supported this construction. On moral grounds, the Magistrate remarked, it was not easy to understand why ten-stalls and coffee-shops should have a license from the Commissioner of Police any more than ghee shops or sweetmeat shops. The fact was intelligible when the fees were raised for the purposes of the Municipality; it ceased to be intelligible when the Municipality in Bombay ceased to levy fees from these places.

Their lordships passed the following order on the reference:—The Magistrate to be informed that the words "hotel, tavern, shop, or place" in the second clause of section 2 of Act 48 of 1860, are wide enough to include every place mentioned in the first clause of the section.

THE WORKHOUSE TREAT.

THE acting Governor of the Government Workhouse acknowledges the receipt with thanks of the following contributions towards the Workhouse Dinner:—

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H. M. Phipson, Esq., 6 dozen pints of Bass' Ale.	

THE "WELLS LIGHT."—Some accout of this machine, which is so universally employed by Engineers, Contractors, Shipbuilders, &c., in Europe, and which is making its appearance in large numbers in India, may interest our readers. The want of powerful portable light from oil for industrial purposes, has long been felt, and Messrs. A. C. Wells and Co., of London, appear to have met that want in a thoughly satisfactory manner, as they have sold over 4,000 of these Lights; and they are in use all over the world. The apparatus consists of a steel tank which holds the oil, and into which air is forced by a small hand-pump. This air acting on the surface of the oil as a cushion or spring drives it up to the burner through a standpipe which extends to the bottom of the tank. The burner, which is in the form of tubular rings, is heated, and when the oil reaches it, the latter is vaporised and issues from the jet in a long horizontal flame of great power and whiteness, and this serves to keep the generating tubes always hot. It will be seen that the lamp when once started is thus automatic, and as oil or air canbe pumped in without stopping the light, it is also continuous. The horizontal flame is unaffected by any wind or weather, as it can be swivelled to run in the same direction as the storm. The whole apparatus is very simple; there are no moving parts except the small hand-pump, which is protected from injury by being placed inside the tank, which is of steel boiler-plate. In this country the Lights burn ordinary kerosene (refined petroleum), which is obtainable *every* where. Most of the leading Railway Companies, such as the Bengal & Nagpur, the G.I.P.R., Bombay & Baroda, East India, &c., use them in considerable numbers. For engineering and contractors' work, bridge building, &c., they are also largely used, while they are being more and more adopted in plantations.

PRIZE DISTRIBUTION AT FORT HIGH SCHOOL.

A distribution of prizes was made last evening by the Venerable Archdeacon Goldwyer Lewis at the Fort High School, Sassoon Buildings, Elphinstone Circle.

Mr. Manockjee B. Cooper, proprietor and principal of the institution, read the report which stated that the institution numbered on its rolls 1,300 boys, as against 700 in 1882. Of these, 180 are Hindoos, 120 Mahomedans, and the rest Parsees. They generally study up to the Fifth Standard and then leave school for commercial occupations. Except the Anjuman-i-Islam school, there is no other High School in Bombay so largely attended by Mahomedans as this institution. The Matriculation results pointed to steady and continued progress, the number of boys passed from 1883 to 1889 was 216, giving an average of 31 per year for the last seven years. During this latter period the Bai Manekbai Prize for General Knowledge was four times successfully carried off by pupils of the institution, while the Sir Cowasjee Jehangier Latin Scholarship for obtaining the highest number of marks in Latin was also once awarded to a pupil of this school. During the last five years this school has invariably passed at the Matriculation Examination the largest number of Parsee boys of any High School in the Presidency. Donations from ex-pupils of the institution of over Rs. 3,000 and a Government grant of an equal sum for the purpose have enabled the school to be equipped with a good library of its own, containing about 2,000 volumes. A reading-room has also been opened in connection with the library. The equipment of the school has been completed by the addition of a well-stocked laboratory, costing about Rs. 7,000, of which Rs. 1,350 were given by Government as its own contribution towards the purchase. The following three prizes have been founded in connection with this institution: the Jamshedjee Nassarwanjee Petit prize of the value of Rs. 20, being the interest on a Government Promissory Note for Rs. 500, to be awarded annually to the candidate passing the Matriculation Examination with the highest number of marks in English; the Bejanjee Ardeshir Dastur Prize of the value of Rs. 8, being the interest on a Government Promissory Note of Rs. 200, to be annually awarded to the candidate passing the Matriculation Examination with the highest number of total marks. For the physical training of the boys, the school has four cricket elevens daily playing on the Esplanade under proper supervision, while a boating club has been projected and will be started shortly.

The Venerable Archdeacon, after distributing the prizes, said he felt it was impossible for him to be present that day at a scene like that without saying a word or two about that school and education generally. They had only to look at the report that had just been read and see the history of the school in numbers and efficiency. They would agree with him that these boys of the school had only to look at the career of their head master to see what was possible for boys to do, provided they had energy and were ready to do hard work. Mr. Cooper stood before them as a man who had made a school. (Applause) He told them that it was not every man who could make a school, nor every man who could manage one, but to do both was indeed a thing to be proud of. (Applause) Every boy there might be as proud of his school as it was the fashion of Englishmen, and boys in days to come might with pleasure say "my grandfather was educated at Mr. Cooper's school." There was much in the report to encourage Mr. Cooper to go on with his work. It was a matter of regret to him that he had had so little to do with native educational institutions. He had sat on committees with other gentlemen deliberating on educational subjects, and he trusted in the future, if he returned to India, to find himself moving hand in hand with those men in this country who were over pressing on educational reform. Alluding to the number of Mahomedan boys who were receiving education at that establishment, he said he could remember being present at the Educational Conference in 1885, when it was generally felt that the Mahomedans as a race were not perhaps keeping alive with other nationalities in India in the matter of education; but it now seemed that there was great promise that this reproach would be removed from so large a portion of the people of India. It appeared to him that the fact of there being 120 Mahomedan pupils in that school was a proof that the Mahomedans were beginning to recognize that if they wished to succeed they must keep pace with the world in which they were living and in which they had to work. Speaking of the matriculation examination, the chairman remarked that his opinion was that the day must come when that examination would not be thrown so widely open as it was now in the University. He would gladly see the matriculation examination would be closed except to those who meant to proceed to some course in the University, and when the colleges would matriculate their own students. He looked upon the matriculation certificate now as a mere *khagas* and a very poor *khagas* at that, for he knew many who went up for matriculation without any intention of taking a course to the University. Their one object was to obtain a *khagas*. The machinery was wrong when it admitted boys who had been plucked in the preliminary examination and who produced a certificate [illegible] certificates must indeed be low, and he hoped that none of the pupils of the Fort High School, who might hereafter become schoolmasters, would stoop to such a practice. (Applause) He concluded by reading a letter from Mr. Hormajee Rustomjee Oomrigar, who enclosed a cheque for Rs. 500 in memory of his deceased wife, the nucleus of a fund to provide for the school fees of poor Parsee boys. A communication was also read from Dady Jerbai Tharia Topun who gave Rs. 100 for awarding prizes to successful students.

A vote of thanks to the chairman was moved by Mr. Jehanghir Dosabhoy Framji, seconded by Mr. D. R. Chichgar, and carried with hearty cheers from the pupils. The distribution of flowers concluded the proceedings.

THE FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT.

7TH ROYAL FUSILIERS VS. BAND AND DRUMS, 1ST BATTALION, WORCESTER REGIMENT.

THE semi-final ties of the Rovers' Foot-ball Tournament between the regimental team of the 7th Royal Fusiliers from Poona and the Band and Drums of the 1st Battalion, Worcester Regiment, was played off last night. The opposing teams were about equally matched in weight, pace, and stamina. Hostilities commenced at 4-25, and the Royal Fusiliers, winning the toss, posted themselves at the Bandstand end. Open play amongst the forwards characterised the commencement. Sawyer obtained a shot at the goal. Hands was claimed. The Royal Fusiliers made another incursion into their opponents' country, but were compelled to retreat to the half-way flag, where cross-play ensued between the forwards. A sharp and obstinate struggle ensued and hip and shoulder were brought to bear in the close scrimmage that gathered almost beneath the cross-bar. Giddy took the leather, and with a neat shot placed it between the posts ten minutes after play started, for which he received a hearty cheer. The Royal Fusiliers seemed at one time to place the Worcester's posts in imminent peril. The good play of Brooks, Amphlett, Hughes, Reiley and Watkins, their backs and half-backs, successfully resisted every inroad upon their citadel. A fast and open game followed, the Royal Fusiliers still acting as the aggressors. But Wilson relieved the pressure with a vigorous punt. Shorter's dangerous run towards the Worcester's sticks was impeded by Amphlett. At the call of "half-time," hostilities were still in the Worcester's country. On recommencing, Giddy captured the leather and bore down on his opponents' posts, and took a shot which was stopped by Franklin. Hands were claimed by the Fusiliers on the far side where Sedgewick's free kick rolled into touch. Lovejoy's "throw in" was taken by Giddy, who would have perhaps, been successful if better supported. Shorter and Tandy gave an exhibition of some clever "passing" which carried the scene of play into the very heart of the opposite country, but Brooks capturing the ball "centred" to Giddy, who made a beautiful run down the ground, and sent it beyond the goal-line. Wilson received it when driven out, and returned it with a high shot. Sawyer's run from the far side "half way flag" placed the Worcester's posts in peril. But the excitement was momentary, Brooks dashing forward met his adversary from whom he took the ball, and sent it away. Shortly afterwards Hughes made a direct low shot for the Fusiliers' posts, which was returned with a magnificent kick from Waldon. The Fusiliers almost immediately made another splendid try to take the Worcester's posts by storm, which were were brilliantly defended by Jones, who carried the play to the centre of the country, Some up and down play ensued and at the call of time the Worcester Band and Drums had secured a verdict by one goal to love. The following were the names of the players:—

Worcester Band and Drums.		7th Royal Fusiliers.
Jones	Goal	Franklin.
Brookes	Right back	Jones.
Amphlett	Left back	Waldon.
Hughes	Centre half back	Sedgewick.
Reiley	Right half back	Fraikes.
Watkins	Left half back	Lovejoy.
Giddy	Centre forward	George.
Wilson	Right wings	Sawyer.
Butler		Murphy.
Merrick	Left wings	Tandy.
Woodman		Shorter.
Pte. Byrne	Umpires.	Pte. Flatt.
	Referee.	
	Mr. Stewart D. Fairloss.	

We understand that the Royal Fusiliers intend making an appeal to the committee in consequence of the Worcester team wearing "tips," which were not in flush with the soles of their ammunition boots.

IT is reported that the two children of the notorious Mrs. Maybrick, a little boy of seven and a girl of four, are being well taken care of, a kind-hearted philanthropist and his wife having adopted them, and given them a happy home. The unfortunate mother, who is devotedly fond of her children, has been informed, and her feelings are greatly relieved in consequence.

IT has now been definitely arranged that next year the *Teutonic, City of New York, Majestic, and City of Paris*, which latter will go on her station in April, will be run on different dates, making to gather a weekly service such as cannot be excelled in the world, since they are all 20-knot boats, and all come within a few minutes of each other in the duration of the now very fast Transatlantic trip—about five days twenty hours. The arrangement is not due to any specific agreement, but because there is a feeling that it is wiser to do this than to let a fast ship of each line sail on the same day and at the same hour.

THE CURE OF CONSUMPTION.

COMPLYING with a mission given me, writes a special correspondent of the *Times*, I have now spent something over a week in Berlin, and have been afforded by Professor Koch and his four assistants the most ample opportunities to give my verdict upon the new and astounding discovery of the already-famous scientist and father of the modern—very modern—science of bacteriology. It reads like a chapter from fiction, a leaf from a medical romance, to say so, yet after what I have seen it is only a legal medical verdict "in accordance with the facts" to say that consumption, whether lupreus or pulmonary, internal or external, can, when taken in season, before the bacilli have done their terrible work of destruction, be cured, and is now being cured in Berlin by the new treatment of Professor Koch. In the Charite Hospital on the Carl Embankment I have seen over a hundred patients convalescing under the new treatment, which, though put into practice on September 7, can point to not a few patients who are cured, and, as far as human foresight can foresee, definitely cured. Naturally the external or lupreus tuberculosis has responded much more quickly to the inoculating treatment than the internal and more mysterious manifestation of the terrible malady. Yet, while there are many *lupus vulgaris* patients who have already left the hospital and the several private olinical wards where Koch has personally put into practice or superintended the new treatment, there are also many a score at least of lung consumption patients, though many of them have not been six weeks under treatment, whose organs are quite free from the deadly bacilli which on their entering into the wards simply swarmed in their sputa and other dejecta. A healthy colour has replaced the hectic flush, appetite and the joy in life have replaced the languid melancholy indicative of the later stages of the deadly scourge. Whether the complete extermination of the deadly parasites will also be followed by immunity from their re-appearance in the future is a question which only time will decide; yet careful medical luminaries like Professors Senator and Gerhardt, who have followed the new treatment from its very inception, are inclined to the belief, which they openly express, that, when the bacilli are destroyed before any organ vital and necessary to life has been seriously injured, there will not be in the majority of cases a re-appearance of the deadly parasite.

I have twice been received by Professor Koch, and was extended the warm welcome he always gives his old scholars. He is, as ever, from early morning until far into the night at his old laboratory in the Kloister Strasse, where it may be said that, with his assistance, but ten years ago the science of bacteriology was born. I will endeavour to picture to you the appearance of the man whose name will go "in history and story echoing down the ages when the great ones of this world have long been forgotten," for his fame is built on the solid rock of science. He is small, not more than 5 ft. 5 in. in height, but sturdily built. His hair is on the gray and his features distinctly commonplace. Indeed, there is nothing striking or imposing in his whole general appearance. His eyes, which are wonderfully sharp and penetrating, were once his strong feature; they are now gray, large, and luminous, but hours of microscopic work daily through a long period of years have robbed them of their brightness as well as of much of their charm and of their power. He must wear now at all times a triplex glass of great power, which disfigures his appearance and gives him the particularly stern and uncompromising look which at first half-frightens his patients to death, then inspires them with confidence, and, as I have personally had opportunity to see in the consumptive wards of the Charite, finally with hero-worshipping idolatry. Before describing the successes and the limitations of the new treatment, I must mention the shocking change in the Professor's personal appearance which has taken place during the seven weeks of the last six months. One would hardly recognize in him the healthy man I left him hardly a year ago. His complexion is pale and his skin dry and parchment-like. Even his assistants, who see him every day, are astounded and full of the anxious forebodings to which this change gives rise, and they whisper to one another that the Professor will have to spare himself more, for, in fact, several of them believe that during the last six months the Professor has lived so constantly in an atmosphere impregnated with bacilli that finally his lungs have been attacked also. While the Professor was out of the room this morning I took the liberty of putting the question to Professor von Bergman, who called. "Let us hope," said he, "that the Professor is only suffering from over-fatigue and great mental strain;" but he shook his head dubiously, as though he were personally far from being reassured.

"I shall endeavour to be short and concise in my statement," said the Professor, as he kindly proceeded to redeem his promise made to me one week ago on my arrival here. "You have seen for yourself the treatment in practice. I will therefore simply give some facts as to its origin, and also outline my hopes and my fears as to its efficacy, as far as one can, speaking in the abstract and in this early stage of its development. I discovered the tubercular bacillus eight years ago. It was at first warmly disputed, but is now generally admitted. I have ever since then been engaged in the study of the deadly parasite and in endeavouring to obtain the inoculating fluid sufficiently strong and healthy reaction to dispel them from the body without at the same time destroying healthy organs. Of course, this latter has been the difficulty. I believe I have it here," and Professor Koch held up to view a vial of the inoculating fluid. It is of dark brown colour and easily decomposed, as the papers have it. "There is very little use my saying just now what the inoculating fluid is or how I have obtained it. It has cost me years of my life, and I propose to retain the secret a few weeks longer from publicity, though it is already known to my assistants and to many of my professional friends. Its preparation demands infinite pains and exactness, and it is being prepared by my assistant. Dr. Libbertz, to whom I have confided this important part of my work, and I believe I am discreet on this subject with good and sufficient reason. Experience of premature disclosures has made me wise. I calculate that I have wasted one year of my life in combating some captious and not very perfectly conscientious critics of my original work. Were I to publish now, in the first stage of the discovery, the exact ingredients and the method of preparation of the fluid, thousands of medical men, from Moscow to Buenos Ayres, would to-morrow be engaged in concocting it, and injecting it for that matter. Is it far-fetched, then, for me to suppose, as I do, that more than half of these gentlemen are incompetent to prepare the fluid which, with special study and with special opportunities, it has taken me years to prepare? Then these experiments might cause incalculable harm to thousands of innocent patients, and at the same time bring into discredit a system of treatment which I believe will prove a boon to mankind." Then the Professor added earnestly and warmly:—"I believe I have the right that the first experiments in its use be made before my own eyes and with the tools which I have made and tested. If these experiments turn out successfully, then the medical world will find me and my elevated assistants only too ready to initiate them into the treatment without the least reserve; but until then, it seems perhaps selfish, but I really claim it as at once our duty and the purest unselfishness, that they must content themselves to be patient. In the meantime, I advise them to be very chary as to the statements which appear in the press regarding our progress, and here I will speak about that poor child who died on Friday in Doctor Levy's clinic, 'under Koch's treatment,' as the papers had it. The poor child had the most terrible case of lupus I have ever seen, while her physical condition was next door to dying. She was the child of paupers, and they had not been able even to stay the progress of the disease by giving her proper and sufficient nourishment. When brought into the clinic she was in a hopeless, almost dying, state, and any moment when the disease should reach some vital organ death was to be expected. Doctor Levy stated the case bluntly to the parents and told them the inoculation could do no good and yet no harm; at the same time he would like to make the inoculation, as in no case could the child live a week, and in case of her death he would like to have the opportunity of studying the effect of the inoculation pathologically. They consented, and the inoculation of three milligrammes was made, and in three days the child died. The pathological report, which has not yet been completed, will be invaluable to us at this momdnt.

"Now we will sum up the results of the treatment so far," continued the Professor. "In cases where the physical condition of the patient was good, lupus has yielded easily to the inoculating treatment, even when the cases have been of many years' standing. The bacilli have been destroyed completely after a number of injections, of course varying with each case, and the 'weed of lupus knots' has in some cases been sloughed off, but in the majority it has been easily removed surgically. The narbe, or star, which marks the spot, is not so large or the disfigurement anything like so great as in the case with the 'spoon' treatment, and consequently the danger of lessening the usefulness of the affected limb is much less; also, I think the danger of a re-occurrence lessened. Now, as to the effect upon lung tuberculosis, though the disclosure is premature, I will state first how we stand. I have 20 patients with whom I personally follow the treatment minutely, and they represent cases, and I have, of course, chosen them on this account—the graduated stages of the disease. In 15 of these patients the bacilli have completely disappeared from the sputa, they have gained much weight, and have also gained in general appearance and in spirits, which is a not to be neglected symptom. In the remaining five cases we regret to say that there is not the slightest indication that the ordinary course of the disease has been stopped. These are cases where I found already large cavities in the lung.

In these the cough, the rattle in the throat, and the almost undiminished number of bacilli in the sputa continue, all of which symptoms, I repeat, have disappeared in other cases. Of course, nothing can be considered final yet, the first injection to a human being having been only made 70 days ago. I hope for good results in all cases where the vital organs are intacts."

It is impossible for me to reproduce here Dr. Koch's modest, shrinking manner, and the skilful way he avoids all personal mention of himself in relating the story of his unique medical discovery. The patients in the Charite and the private clinics worship him like a god, and when he appears in their wards he is hailed as a deliverer. Yesterday I saw a patient stoop down and swiftly kiss his hand, which homage, however, made the Professor very angry.

THE United States Treasury Department complains of the alarming rate at which Italy is sending immigrants. In the month of October no fewer than 6,590 Italians arrived, being 2,000 more than in October 1889. The special committee of Congress on the Pacific coast is investigating the subject with the view of suggesting a method to prevent a further increase.

FACTS ABOUT CIGARS.

"A good dinner without a cigar is like a beautiful woman with one eye," says the Spaniard. Every one knows what a cigar is and the use to which it is put. No one will deny its widespread popularity, although some question its beneficent effects upon the human family. Yet, while postage stamps and monograms have found enthusiastic collectors, but one man, says the *New York Weekly Herald*, has been found to face the many difficulties attending a collection of cigars gleaned from all parts of the world. Captain Mike Flaherty is well known in the tobacco world and a wide circle of acquaintance among the pilots, from whom he now and again received a present of a queer-looking cigar from some foreign land, and it was this decided him to commence his present collection, which now numbers about 150 varieties of cigars, about each one of which a quaint, interesting story might be told.

In the first place, the word "cigar" is of modern date, and is derived from the fact that when the Spaniards first smoked cigars, they were smoked in the orchard or "cigaral," so called from its being the abiding place of those soothing, sleep-producing insects, the balm crickets. Hence "cigarro," a small roll; "ciggaron," a large roll, and ultimately "cigar," linked even in name with the most soothing, dreamy sound in nature. The first cigars made by the Spaniards were of tobacco loosely rolled and held together by the silken lining of corn shucks, and always with a straw running through the centre, to be withdrawn before smoking, so as to secure a good draught. These were first introduced into England in 1787 by the son of a Spanish grandee visiting London, and from there spread all through Europe. This is the history of the birth of the cigar into civilisation; but we must look considerably further back to find the first records, and then can find no origin, but only data of its being in existence.

The cigar of the native Bornean living in the Indian Archipelago is a black roll three inches long, tapering to either end, the outer leaf covered with a network of three inches long, quite straight, of a dull gray green colour. It would take a couragous man to try it, yet the native children smoke them all the time.

When the Patagonian smokes to really enjoy himself he gives a smoking party. All assemble in a hut, seating themselves in a circle, with a bowl of water in the centre. A cigar is lighted and passed around, each one drawing into his lungs as much smoke as possible and retaining it as long as he can, lying flat on his face with his curious cloak drawn over his head. As each expel the smoke he groans and grunts until a perfect Babel reigns. Then a fresh cigar is lit, and as it passes around quiet comes again. After the third cigar each smoker sits quietly for a few minutes, takes a drink at the bowl and silently files out. Religion is supposed to form the basis of this custom. In Hindustan the Konds have for ages allowed their hair to growto a great length, which they twist round and round the head and fasten into a knot in front, in which they carry a few cigars made of tobacco rolled in a green leaf. Of late years the Lunkah district, near the Godaveri River, has been the principal scene of the Hindostani cigar industry, large quantities of leaf being exported to Burmah, and millions of cigars go to Europe every year. The specimen in the collection is a thin roll four inches long tapering at each end, very black, but mild and aromatic to smoke, a characteristic being that no flavour is obtained during the burning or charring away of the first half inch. Twenty years ago I bought them of the natives for two rupees per 1,000. Now they are much improved in flavour and advanced in price. The Ahts of Vancouver's Island have a rough dark cigar rolled in a husk of some plant. It is chiefly deserving of

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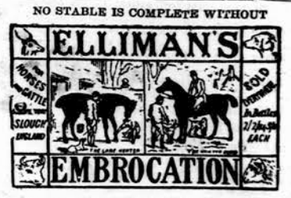

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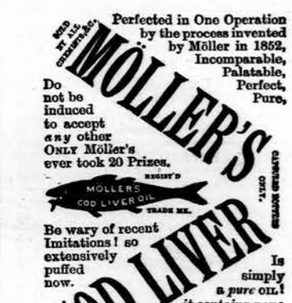

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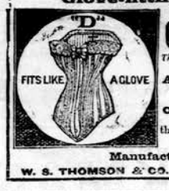

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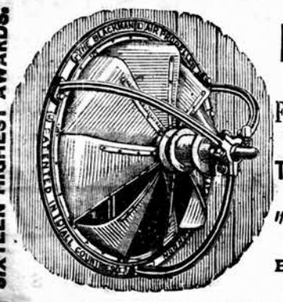

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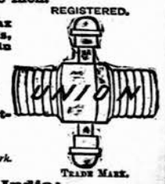

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